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POINT OF LIGHT

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WASHINGTON - In a homecoming tinged with nostalgia and an unspoken sense of farewell, President Barack Obama on Monday welcomed his oldest living predecessor, George Bush, to the White House, where the two men, separated by nearly four decades but united in their fervor for volunteer service, presented an award to a retired Iowa couple.



Former President George H. W. Bush during a ceremony in the East Room of the White House in Washington, July 15, 2013. (Doug Mills/The New York Times)

Appearing together in the East Room, Obama and Bush, who is 89, bestowed the 5,000th "Daily Point of Light" award - named after Bush's signature initiative on volunteer service - to Floyd Hammer and Kathy Hamilton, who founded a nonprofit organization that delivers free meals to hungry children in 15 countries. Paying tribute to Bush for "how bright a light you shine," Obama recounted how his predecessor began awarding these prizes while still in the White House, and has continued to hand them out, every day since he left the presidency in 1993.

"When you do a parachute jump at the age of 85," Obama said, gesturing to a smiling Bush, in a wheelchair, "this is somebody who is not going to slow down anytime soon."

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'NUCLEAR OPTION' ON THE TABLE

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) speaks at the Center for American Progress Action Fund in Washington, July 15, 2013. Reid took a defiant and uncompromising stand on Monday, saying that pushing through a rules change to end filibusters of executive branch nominations would "save the Senate from becoming obsolete."

(Christopher Gregory/The New York Times)

Saying Senate is 'broken,' Reid vows to limit filibuster

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WASHINGTON - Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada took a defiant and uncompromising stand Monday ahead of a closed-door meeting of the Senate, saying that pushing through a rules change to end filibusters of executive branch nominations would "save the Senate from becoming obsolete."

"This is a moment in history where circumstances dictate the need for change," Reid, the majority leader, said in a speech at the liberal Center for American Progress. He suggested that there was only one

way for Republicans to avoid the rules change: give Democrats a straight up-or-down vote on all seven of President Barack Obama's nominations that are in question and stop filibustering executive nominations going forward.

"I love the Senate, but right now the Senate is broken and needs to be fixed," he said.

All 100 senators are scheduled to cloister Monday in the ornate Old Senate Chamber, doors closed, to hash over Democratic plans to change the Senate's rules with a simple majority motion as early as Tuesday morning. Reid's

position could be a bluff. Conversely, a small group of Democratic and Republican senators might yet emerge with a compromise to thwart his plans.

But signals on Monday pointed to the "nuclear option" - that rather than the 67 votes usually needed to change the Senate rules, Democrats would do it with 51, a move that could in the short run eviscerate what comity is left in the chamber, and over the longer term could fundamentally change the institution.

Such a move to a simple majority vote has been done before.

It was October 2011, and

Senate Republicans were trying to interfere with a bill addressing China's currency by offering a series of amendments that had little to do with China or monetary policy, a favorite tactic of their leader, Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky. But Democrats surprised McConnell by using a parliamentary maneuver that quashed the amendments. The process went like this: Reid asked for a ruling from the Senate's parliamentarian about whether the amendments were in order. The parliamentarian ruled that they were.

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Burns: US not backing a side in Egypt

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Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — The most senior U.S. official to visit Egypt since its elected president was ousted said Monday that Washington is committed to helping the Arab country succeed in its "second chance" at democracy, adding this can only happen with the participation of the Muslim Brotherhood.

Deputy Secretary of State William Burns' meetings with Egypt's interim leaders

came as thousands of supporters of deposed President Mohammed Morsi held another mass rally to demand his return to office. The protest turned violent as police fired tear gas at pro-Morsi protesters who burned tires, threw rocks and blocked traffic flow on a main roadway running through the heart of the capital. The remarks by Burns, the No. 2 American diplomat, signaled that Washington, while calling for an inclusive transition, is moving on from Morsi and

his Brotherhood group. Burns insisted that the United States is not taking sides in deeply polarized Egypt, saying it is not Washington's policy, "as outsiders, to support particular political personalities and particular parties."

"What we're going to continue to try to do is to support an open inclusive, tolerant democratic process," Burns said. "We hope it will be a chance to learn some of the lessons and correct some of the mistakes of the last two

years." Burns' comments were being carefully watched in Cairo, where a cross-spectrum of groups have accused Washington of meddling in the country's affairs.

Morsi's opponents have long accused the United States of backing the Islamist president during his year in office, particularly after he helped broker a cease-fire between neighboring Israel and the Hamas rulers in the Palestinian Gaza Strip. □



U.S. Deputy Secretary of State William Burns, center, meets with Egypt's interim President Adly Mansour, right, as U.S. ambassador to Egypt Anne Patterson listens in, second left, at the presidential palace in Cairo, Monday, July 15, 2013.

(AP Photo/Egyptian Presidency)

UN divided on Iran sanctions violation data

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UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. Security Council has refused to back a report by a panel of experts which unanimously concluded that Iran violated U.N. sanctions when it launched several ballistic missiles a year ago.

Australia's U.N. Ambassador Gary Quinlan, who chairs the committee monitoring sanctions on Iran, did not identify which countries were opposed in his briefing to the council on Monday. But council diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity because consultations were private, said Russia was most vocal in its opposition and was supported by China.

Quinlan told the council that a number of council members backed the panel's view that Iran's launch of Shahab-1 and Shahab-3 missiles in a war-game exercise in July 2012 "constituted a clear violation" of sanctions, and therefore all U.N. member states "should redouble efforts to implement ballistic missile-related sanctions on Iran."

He said the sanctions committee — which includes all 15 council members — wrote to Iran on April 12 asking for comment within 15 days on the panel's conclusion. Iran has not replied and "the committee is currently considering additional follow up actions," he said.

The Security Council has imposed four rounds of sanctions against Iran because of concerns it is seeking to develop nuclear weapons and its refusal to suspend uranium enrichment. The division over the missile launches indicates a reluctance by Moscow and Beijing to take further action, especially as a new president, Hasan Rouhani, will be sworn in Aug. 4.

In another incident, Quinlan said the panel concluded that Iran violated — or probably violated — sanctions by shipping weapons to Yemeni insurgents in January that were seized by the government. □

Putin: U.S. has effectively trapped Snowden

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MOSCOW - President Vladimir V. Putin told an audience of students on Monday that the United States had effectively trapped Edward J. Snowden, the fugitive former intelligence contractor, on Russian territory by frightening countries that otherwise might have accepted him. When Putin insisted that Russia did not want Snowden to cause damage to the United States, the students laughed out loud.

Putin made the remarks on Hogland Island in the Gulf of Finland, where he was reviewing projects of the Russian Geographical Society.

He spoke about Snowden, who announced Friday that he would formally request asylum in Russia, during a meeting with student researchers who were attending an archaeological camp on the island.

Russian officials said Monday that they still had not yet received an application from Snowden, and Putin did not say outright whether he would grant a request from him. But the president clearly signaled that it remained a possibility. Snowden arrived at Sheremetyevo Airport outside Moscow on a flight from Hong Kong on June 23, and he has been there ever since, living in the tran-

sit zone of the airport with the consent of the Kremlin and apparently with some support from the Russian authorities. On Friday, Snowden met at the airport with lawyers, Russian officials and representatives of human rights organizations. Putin said Russia had invited Snowden to apply for asylum on the condition that he first stop his political activities - presumably all leaking of classified information that could harm the United States. But given Russia's long intelligence rivalry with the United States, it is hard to believe that Putin has not been enjoying Washington's discomfort over Snowden, and

even his student audience laughed at the suggestion. "Initially," Putin said, "we offered him, 'If you want to stay, please, but you have to stop your political activities. We have a certain relationship with the U.S., and we don't want you with your political activities damaging our relationship with the U.S.'" He said, 'No.'" The students laughed. "You laugh, but I am speaking seriously," Putin continued. "He said: 'No, I want to continue my work. I want to fight for human rights. I believe that the United States violated certain norms of international law, interfered with private life.'" □



Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) speaks at the Center for American Progress Action Fund in Washington, July 15, 2013.

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'NUCLEAR OPTION'

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Reid then moved to overrule the parliamentarian. And he did so with a simple majority vote of 51-48.

That seemingly mundane twist of the Senate's intricate rules gave Democrats the precedent that they believe they need to change how the filibuster can be used, a move that has infuriated Republicans. Negotiations over the weekend failed to produce a compromise that would keep Reid from moving forward Tuesday with the nuclear option.

Exasperated by Republican attempts to slow down the confirmation process for Obama's nominees, Democrats have decided that the kinds of handshake agreements that have helped resolve fights over the filibuster in the past will not be adequate this time.

"Let's not let the tyranny of the minority continue," said Sen. Tom Udall, D-N.M., who has been one of the leading voices on the left calling for a permanent rules change to make the filibuster a less potent weapon.

In recent decades, both parties have escalated the use of the filibuster and other delaying tactics. Since Obama became president, Senate Republicans have gone especially far with the filibuster, using it to delay or try to block more nominations for Cabinet posts and federal trial court judgeships than in past years.

The change they are seeking to make is limited, but still hotly debated.

The filibuster, which requires 60 votes to advance legislation or nominees, could still be used on legislation or on judicial nominations by the president. But it would not be permitted on Cabinet or other presidential appointees.

Reid on Monday was careful to say he had no intention of taking the rules change beyond stopping filibusters on executive branch nominations to ending filibusters on judicial nominations or legislation pending before the Senate.

He said the 60-vote threshold on legislation helped conservative and liberal causes.

For instance, during the gun control debate this spring, Republicans drafted legislation to make it mandatory for every state to recognize any other state's laws on concealed weapons. Only the 60-vote threshold prevented that from passing.

But on the narrow issue of executive nominations, Reid dug in and said he had the votes in the Democratic caucus to win, regardless of last-minute maneuvering by some who might be getting nervous. Past efforts to use the nuclear option were thwarted by centrist and bipartisan "gangs" that crafted their own compromises over the heads of their leaders.

"My caucus supports where we are," he said. "I'm not concerned about gangs. That's passé really." □

As deadline approaches: Congress seeks path forward on farm bill

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Despite the differences between the farm bills passed by the House and Senate, the chairwoman of the Senate Agriculture Committee said she wanted to work with her House counterparts to draft new five-year farm legislation that would continue agriculture programs set to expire Sept. 30.

"We are willing to take what they give us and work with the chairman and ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee," the chairwoman, Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., said in a conference call with re-

porters Monday. "Time is of the essence, and we need to move forward on this." Stabenow said the Senate was still waiting for the House to send over its bill so the two chambers can conference and begin working out their differences. She reiterated her opposition to the legislation passed by the House.

The 608-page farm bill the House passed last week was the first since 1973 not to include a food stamp program.

The 216-208 vote saved House Republican leaders from a rerun of the stunning defeat of a broader version of the bill last month, but it

left the fate of the food stamp program uncertain. The program, which normally makes up about 80 percent of the farm bill and costs nearly \$75 billion a year, has been a constant target for House conservatives who say it has grown too large. About 47 million Americans receive food stamps.

House Republicans have proposed cutting about \$20 billion from the program. Rep. Eric Cantor of Virginia, the majority leader, has promised to "act with dispatch" to pass a separate food stamp bill in the future, but has not given a timetable. □

At White House, Elder Bush pays tribute, and receives it

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Bush, who was hospitalized in intensive care with a high fever over the holidays this winter, appeared frail but alert and in good spirits. He wore a pair of jaunty, mismatched red-and-white striped socks, which his son Neil said reflected the determination of his father, who no longer jumps out of planes, to become a style icon instead.

Bush spoke briefly, his voice

familiar and steady, to thank the president and first lady, Michelle Obama, for their hospitality.

After handing the microphone to Neil Bush, who chairs the "Points of Light" organization, he admonished his son to "keep it short."

In addition to Neil, Bush was joined by Barbara Bush, the former first lady, and other members of the Bush family, though not former President George W. Bush. Before the ceremony, the

Obamas hosted the Bushes for lunch in the Red Room of the White House.

It has been a season of conciliation for the Bush family and Obama, who ran for the White House on a blunt critique of George W. Bush's war in Iraq.

During his recent trip to Africa, Obama crossed paths with the younger Bush, paying tribute to him for his AIDS initiative, which Obama described as one of his "crowning achievements." □



President Barack Obama and former President George H. W. Bush arrive for a ceremony in the East Room of the White House in Washington, July 15, 2013. The ceremony honored the winners of the 5,000th Daily Point of Light Award from Points of Light, a volunteer organization started by Bush in 1989.

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More protests planned over black US teen's murder

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SANFORD, Florida (AP) —

Anger over the acquittal of a U.S. neighborhood watch volunteer who shot dead an unarmed black teenager

er continued Monday, with civil rights leaders saying mostly peaceful protests will continue this weekend

with vigils in dozens of cities. The Justice Department said it is looking into Trayvon Martin's death to determine whether federal prosecutors will file criminal civil rights charges against George Zimmerman, who is now a free man. His lawyer has told ABC News that Zimmerman will get his gun back and intends to arm himself again.

The key to filing civil rights charges against Zimmerman lies in whether evidence exists that he was motivated by racial animosity to kill Martin. Zimmerman's parents, Gladys and Robert Zimmerman Sr., told ABC News that their son isn't racist and that they don't know if their son will ever be able to return to a normal life.

President Barack Obama and numerous celebrities have expressed sorrow at the verdict. The civil rights leader Rev. Al Sharpton said Monday that his organization will hold vigils and rallies in 100 cities Saturday in front of federal buildings. A jury late Saturday found the 29-year-old Zimmerman not guilty of second-degree murder. Zimmerman has said he shot the 17-year-old in self-defense in a nighttime confrontation in his Florida gated community, where Martin was visiting family.

The February 2012 shooting drew national attention when Zimmerman wasn't arrested for weeks, and the case has continued to raise questions over race and self-defense gun laws. Jurors were told that Zimmerman was allowed to use deadly force when he shot the teen not only if he actually faced death or bodily harm, but also if he merely thought he did.

With many critics angry over Zimmerman's acquittal, his freedom may be limited. He may also face civil lawsuits from Martin's family.

"He's going to be looking over his shoulder the rest of his life," his brother, Robert Zimmerman Jr. told CNN.

Obama called Martin's death a tragedy for America. It was a rare statement from the president on a case that doesn't directly involve the federal government. White House spokesman Jay Carney on Monday said Obama would not involve himself in decisions by the Justice Department on whether to pursue civil rights charges against Zimmerman because it would be inappropriate.

The Justice Department opened an investigation into Martin's death last year but stepped aside to allow the state prosecution to proceed. The department has a long history of using federal civil rights law in an effort to convict defendants who have been acquitted in related state cases, but experience has shown it's almost never easy getting convictions in such high-profile prosecutions. Many, including Martin's parents, said Zimmerman had racially profiled Martin. Zimmerman, whose mother was born in Peru, identifies as Hispanic.

Despite the racially charged nature of the case, race was barely mentioned at the trial.

Prosecutors portrayed Zimmerman as a vigilante who had grown frustrated by break-ins in his neighborhood committed primarily by young black men. Defense attorneys said Martin knocked Zimmerman down and was slamming the older man's head against the sidewalk when Zimmerman fired his gun.

The court did not release the racial and ethnic make-up of the six-person jury, but the panel appeared to reporters to be made up of five white women and a sixth who may be Hispanic. The jurors did not talk to reporters after the verdict. □



The Rev. Cortly "C.D." Witherspoon, president of the Baltimore Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, right, leads a march during a demonstration in reaction to the acquittal of neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman Monday, July 15, 2013, in Baltimore.

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Trial of ex-Goldman Sachs trader opens in New York

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Jurors at a Manhattan trial of a for-

mer Goldman Sachs trader heard him described Monday both as an architect of a massive securities fraud

and as a low-level scapegoat for the mortgage market meltdown that began in 2007.



Former Goldman Sachs Group Inc. executive Fabrice Tourre, right, enters Manhattan federal court on the first day of his trial, Monday, July 15, 2013, in New York. Tourre is accused of misleading investors about the true prospects of their bet on a package of mortgage-based securities.

(AP Photo/Louis Lanzano)

Manning trial judge hears dismissal arguments

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FORT MEADE, Maryland (AP) — Lawyers for the U.S. soldier who leaked thousands of classified government documents urged a judge Monday to dismiss a charge he aided the enemy, saying prosecutors failed to prove Bradley Manning intended for the information to fall into enemy hands.

The charge is the most serious and carries the most severe punishment — life in prison — in the case against Manning, who has admitted he sent hundreds of thousands of documents to the anti-secrecy site WikiLeaks.

The trial against the 25-year-old is drawing to a close, and a judge is weigh-

ing whether to dismiss that charge and several lesser counts.

Manning downloaded the material in 2009 and 2010 from a classified government computer network while working as an intelligence analyst in Iraq. WikiLeaks posted much of the material on its website. Manning's lawyer, David Coombs, argued that his client could have sold the documents, which included battlefield reports and State Department diplomatic cables, or given them directly to the enemy. Instead, he gave them to WikiLeaks in an attempt to "spark reform" and provoke debate. He said Manning had no way of knowing whether al-Qaida would access the web-

site and said a military report from 2008 showed the government didn't even know. □

Fabrice Tourre faces allegations from a 2010 lawsuit brought by the Securities and Exchange Commission against him and Goldman Sachs in what was called the most significant legal action related to the mortgage securities crisis that helped push the country into recession.

"This is a case about Wall Street greed," SEC lawyer Matthew Martens said in opening arguments at the federal civil trial. "It's a case about lies, trickery and deception. ... In the end it was Wall Street greed that drove Mr. Tourre to lie and deceive." Defense attorney Pamela Chepiga countered that her client "never misled anyone."

The SEC has accused Tourre of scheming to sell investors subprime mortgage securities that he knew were doomed to fail. The maneuver allowed the hedge fund Paulson & Co. Inc., and its billionaire president, John A. Paulson, make \$1 billion — and Goldman Sachs to make millions in fees — by betting against the investment.

Tourre "abused his position of responsibility to help an important hedge fund client make \$1 billion," Martens told the nine jurors.

Martens cited an email Tourre sent to his girlfriend in France saying, "The whole building is about to collapse any time now," but that "the Fabulous Fab" would survive.

"This case is about holding Fabrice Tourre, the so-called 'Fabulous Fab,' accountable," he said.

The defense claimed the email was really "an old-fashioned love letter" penned by a young trader who was full of self-doubt and angst over upheaval in the financial world.

"He's saying, 'There's nothing fabulous about me,'" Chepiga said.

The case "is not about whether you approve or disapprove of Wall Street," she added. "You all took an oath to decide this case on the facts before you. ... Mr. Tourre has chosen to fight to clear his name."

Both the Chepiga and the SEC lawyer said he will take the witness stand. □

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Official: Intern no longer at NTSB after name flap

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Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A summer intern who confirmed erroneous and racially offensive names for the pilots of Asiana Airlines

Flight 214 is no longer an intern with the National Transportation Safety Board, a government official with knowledge of the situation said Monday.

The official wasn't autho-

rized to comment about personnel matters and spoke on condition of anonymity.

An anchor for KTVU-TV read the names on the air Friday before apologizing for the

error after a break. The report was accompanied by a graphic with the phony names listed alongside a photo of the burned-out plane that crashed July 6 at San Francisco International Airport, killing three people and injuring dozens.

Video of the report has spread across the Internet since it was broadcast. The NTSB said in a statement Friday that the intern erroneously confirmed the names "outside the scope of his authority." Neither the station nor the NTSB has said where the names originated.

Asiana has said the TV report "badly damaged" the reputation of the airline and its pilots.

Asiana has decided to sue KTVU-TV to "strongly respond to its racially discriminatory report" that disparaged Asians, Asiana spokeswoman Lee Hyomin said. She said the airline will likely file suit in U.S. courts.

Asiana decided not to sue the NTSB because it said it was the TV station report, not the U.S. agency, that damaged the airline's reputation. Lee did not elaborate.

NTSB spokeswoman Kelly Nantel said the agency does not discuss specific personnel matters but has taken "appropriate action to deal with the situation." She said interns in the agency's public affairs office are unpaid. □



The wreckage of Asiana Flight 214, which crashed on Saturday, July 6, 2013, seen at San Francisco International Airport, in San Francisco.

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Woman gets 10 years in Rwanda fraud case

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Associated Press

CONCORD, New Hampshire (AP) — A woman who lied about her role in the 1994 Rwanda genocide to enter the U.S. and obtain citizenship has been sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Beatrice Munyenyezi received the maximum prison time. She declined her right to address the court. Munyenyezi, 43, was convicted in February of entering the United States and securing citizenship by lying about her role as a commander of one of the notorious roadblocks where Tutsis were singled out for slaughter. She denied affiliation with any political party, despite her husband's leadership role in the ex-

tremist Hutu militia party.

During the genocide, at least 500,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus were killed in a campaign of mass murder orchestrated by Hutu extremists.

Federal prosecutors had sought the maximum prison sentence, saying Munyenyezi is as guilty as if she wielded the machete herself. Munyenyezi's lawyers say they will appeal her conviction — a move that is expected to delay deportation proceedings.

"It's very, very traumatic," defense attorney David Ruoff said. "She's been anxious about this, regardless of what happened in Rwanda in 1994. It's traumatic for any person to face their kids under these circumstances." □



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US Financial Front:

Economy looks weaker after subpar retail sales data

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy appears to be weaker than many economists had thought after a report Monday showed consumers spent cautiously in June at retail businesses.

Americans bought more cars and trucks, furniture and clothes. But they cut back almost everywhere else. They spent less at restaurants and bars, reduced purchases at home improvement stores, and bought fewer computers and electronics.

Overall retail spending rose 0.4 percent in June from May, the Commerce Department said. But excluding volatile spending on autos, gasoline and building supplies, so-called core retail sales rose just 0.15 percent. That's the weakest gain since January.

Economists said the deceleration in retail sales could slow economic growth in the April-June quarter to an annual rate below 1 percent. That's weaker than many had thought and would be down from a tepid 1.8 percent rate in the January-March quarter.

Still, many economists aren't changing their forecast for the second half of the year. Most expect growth will rebound to around a 2.5 percent rate. "Job growth, income growth, rising stock prices and higher home prices all suggest a healthier state for the household sector in the second half of the year," said Paul Dales, chief U.S. economist at Capital Economics.

Consumers are still increasing their spending. But their pace has dropped

off sharply from the start of the year. Core retail sales increased from April through June at a 2.7 percent annual rate. The decline suggests an increase in Social Security taxes that took effect Jan. 1 may be starting to squeeze consumers. And that's slowing growth because consumers' spending accounts for about 70 percent of economic activity.

Other reports Monday added to worries that growth had weakened in the second quarter. Businesses increased their stockpiles only slightly in May, signaling fewer orders of factory-made goods.

And economic growth in China slowed in the April-June quarter to its lowest rate in more than two decades. That could reduce demand U.S. exports.

Dales, however, said the risk is low because China makes up only 7 percent of America's total market. The bigger threat to the U.S. economy is if dampened growth in China spreads to other nations that buy more U.S. goods.

Most analysts expect U.S. economic growth to bounce back in the second half of the year. The biggest reason for their optimism is an improving job market that should help offset the drag from the tax increase.

Employers have added an average 202,000 jobs a month this year, up 180,000 in the previous six months. Stronger job gains should increase overall income and boost consumers' spending.

Economists also point to a housing recovery that continues to gain momentum. That's lifting home prices, making Americans feel



A woman passes a Lane Bryant store at a US shopping mall. Americans bought more cars and trucks, furniture and clothes in June, but they cut back almost everywhere else.

(AP Photo)

wealthier and more likely to spend. It's also adding construction jobs.

"Retail sales will continue to

grow at a moderate clip, as gains in disposable income stemming from moderate job creation outweigh the

lingering effects of payroll tax increases," said Martin Schwerdfeger, senior economist at TD Economics. There were some encouraging signs in the retail sales report that consumers remain confident in the economy. Spending on cars and trucks rose 1.8 percent — the biggest gain since November. And furniture sales jumped 2.4 percent last month. Both gains show many consumers are still making large purchases.

Over the past year, car and truck sales have risen 11.4 percent, according to the government's data. That shows autos remain the most vibrant part of the retail economy. □

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MADRID (AP) — Spain's prime minister on Monday brushed off demands he should resign after text messages emerged showing him comforting a political party treasurer under investigation over a slush fund and secret Swiss bank accounts. The spectacle of alleged greed and corruption has enraged Spaniards hurting from austerity and

sky high unemployment with no end in sight. As Mariano Rajoy told reporters he would not step down, former Popular Party treasurer Luis Barcenas testified behind closed doors in Madrid, telling a judge

investigating the slush fund allegations that he gave tens of thousands of euros in secret cash payments to Rajoy and party secretary general Maria Dolores de Cospedal between 2008 and 2010 while they were key opposition leaders.

Rajoy declined to comment on specifics, while Cospedal slammed Barcenas' declarations as "new slander and lies" from a criminal suspect and said she never received cash payments from him. Rajoy insisted after meeting with Poland's premier that he will "see out the mandate the Spanish electorate gave me. This is a stable government that is going

to fulfill its obligations."

Rajoy, who says neither he nor other party figures received illegal payments, did not deny exchanging text messages with now jailed former Popular Party treasurer Luis Barcenas. He insisted that the messages demonstrated that the state "was not bowing to blackmail. This is a serious democracy."

But the text messages from 2011-2013, some analysts said, appeared to convey a tone of cronyism among two men who talked to each other like buddies.

"Luis, nothing is easy," one message from Rajoy to Barcenas said. "But we are doing what we can. □



A man holds a placard reading in Spanish "Espanstan, one hundred percent of Corruption, Zero ethic, Thief." during a demonstration against the government in front of the delegation of the Spanish government in Catalonia, Barcelona, Spain, Monday July 15, 2013.

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Police: Attacks kill 9 in Iraq

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BAGHDAD (AP) — Attacks across Iraq killed nine people on Monday, including a 10-year-old boy out swimming with friends, the latest in a surge of violence rocking Iraq during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. Violence in Iraq is now at its deadliest level in half a decade, raising fears the country is returning to the widespread bloodshed that pushed the country to the edge of civil war. More than 2,800 people have been killed since the start of April.

Police said Monday's deadliest attack was a mortar barrage near a group of people trying to escape the blistering summer heat by swimming in the Tigris River near Samarra, about 95 kilometers (60 miles) north of Baghdad.

Four people were killed in the mortar shelling, including the boy, and 11 others were wounded, according to police.

Temperatures in Baghdad soared above 45 degrees Celsius (115 degrees Fahrenheit).

In the northern city of Kirkuk, a car bomb went off near a passing security patrol, killing a policeman and wounding 11 other people, including four civilians.

The blast left a crater two meters (six feet) wide near the side of the road, and the charred hull of the blue police pickup truck lay mangled in the street.

Hours later, a suicide bomber slammed his explosives-laden car into an army checkpoint near Kirkuk, killing two soldiers, according to Lt. Gen. Mohammed Khalaf, a senior military commander in the city.

More than 140 people have been killed since Muslims in Iraq began observing Ramadan on Wednesday.

The American and British Embassies each issued statements Monday condemning the daily rash of attacks. □

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Syrian regime attacks on villages in north kill 29

BARBARA SURK

Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Syrian government troops pounded

mentum in recent months in Syria's civil war, President Bashar Assad's forces are on the offensive against

rebel brigades control the countryside. The Britain-based Observatory for Human Rights said govern-



Rebels from al-Qaida affiliated Jabhat al-Nusra, as they sit on a truck full of ammunition, at Taftanaz air base in northern Syria. On Syria's front lines, rebels have turned against each other in a fight between al-Qaida-linked groups and more mainstream factions that has stalled advances on the battlefield and thrown the rebellion into turmoil.

(AP Photo/ENN)

rebel-held villages around the northern city of Idlib with rockets, artillery and airstrikes, killing at least 29 people, including six children, activists said Monday. After seizing the mo-

the rebels on several fronts, including in Idlib province along the border with Turkey. Government forces are in firm control of the provincial capital of same name, while dozens of

ment shelling overnight targeted five villages near Idlib city. Eight women and six children were among the 29 people killed, according to the Observatory. The group, which relies on a network of activists inside Syria, said the deadliest attack took place in the village of Maghra, where a rocket slammed into a row of houses, killing 13 people. Three nearby villages — Bara, Basamis and Kafr Nabl — were hit by artillery shells that killed another 13 people. Three others died in an airstrike on the village Iblin, the Observatory said. In central Syria, a car bomb exploded outside a police headquarters in the town of Deir Atiyeh, some 80 kilometers (50 miles) north of Damascus, killing

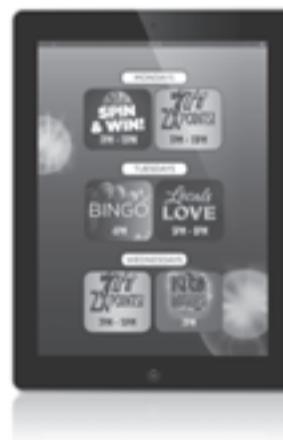
13 people, including 10 policemen. One child was among the dead, the Observatory said.

Syria's state news agency confirmed the attack late Sunday, but said a suicide bomber detonated an explosives-laden car in a residential area of the town, causing an unknown number of casualties. It said "terrorists" were behind the blast — a government term for rebels fighting to topple President Bashar Assad's regime. There was no immediate claim of responsibility, but radical Islamic groups, including those with links to al-Qaida, frequently target Syrian government institutions, security installations and troops with car bombs and suicide attacks. □

Petrol bombs thrown at Northern Ireland police

LONDON (AP) — Police in Northern Ireland are deploying water cannons after coming under attack from explosive devices in a fourth night of violence in Belfast. Around 1,000 extra police officers have been called in to help keep the peace in Belfast after Northern Ireland's annual mass marches by the Orange Order brotherhood descended into chaos on Friday. More than 40 police

officers and a senior lawmaker have been injured in three days of violence. Northern Ireland police confirmed that several explosive devices have been thrown at officers Monday, adding that no injuries have been reported. The force appealed for calm, saying that water cannons were being deployed and that at least one plastic bullet has been fired to quell the unrest. □



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Iran:**President-elect criticizes Ahmadinejad**

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Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's president-elect leveled his broadest criticism of the outgoing administration of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad since June's election, saying Monday that some key economic metrics are worse than previously reported.

The claims by Hasan Rouhani reflect his campaign promises to concentrate on restoring some economic stability in Iran, which is battered by Western sanctions over Tehran's nuclear program. It also suggests that Rouhani's moderate-minded government could hold Ahmadinejad directly accountable for alleged economic mismanagement.

This could open more room for Ahmadinejad's political opponents to seek to tarnish his image and disrupt possible future aspirations. Ahmadinejad has not announced his plans after he officially leaves office early next month, but it's widely expected that he will attempt to keep a high political profile and a voice in Iranian affairs.

Several newspapers quoted Rouhani as saying his team of experts concluded that only an average of 14,000 jobs were created annually from 2006-2012.

Ahmadinejad, who took office in 2005, claims his government created hundreds of thousands of jobs. Inflation, Rouhani said, actually stands at 42 percent and not the previously reported 32 percent. On Sunday, the central bank put the rate at nearly 36 percent.

clampdowns on political and social freedoms by Iranian hard-liners.

But all key policy decisions rest with the ruling clerics. The most immediate impact by Rouhani could be on economic affairs, which are part of the portfolio of the presidency.

In a meeting with members



Iranian President-elect Hasan Rouhani at a news conference in Tehran, Iran. Rouhani on Monday leveled his first criticism of the outgoing administration since June's election, saying it has mismanaged the country's economy.

(AP Photo/Ebrahim Noroozi)

"We asked current officials about the situation of the country but their reports and those of our teams were very far from each other," he said in remarks published by the pro-reform Shargh daily.

Rouhani's supporters hope the former nuclear negotiator can follow through with his promises to build better ties with the West and roll back some of the

of parliament late Sunday, Rouhani urged close cooperation between his office and parliament in order to overcome the country's serious difficulties.

"Today, the country has a difficult and complicated situation partly because of domestic policies and partly because of unfair foreign pressures," he said in the published remarks.

Korean talks fail to reopen factories

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Officials from North and South Korea met Monday for the third time this month but again failed to find a way to reopen an inter-Korean factory park that was a key symbol of cooperation before its shutdown in April. They agreed to meet again Wednesday.

The park opened in 2004 at the North Korean border town of Kaesong during a period of rapprochement between the rivals. Operations stopped in April when tension ran high in the wake of North Korea's February nuclear test.

The two Koreas recently agreed on a desire to re-

open the complex after North Korea began showing signs of an interest in diplomacy after weeks of threatening rhetoric in March and April.

Delegates from the two Koreas met Wednesday at Kaesong to discuss details on how to revive the park, but the meeting ended without breakthrough.

South Korea wants measures that would prevent any future unilateral shutdown of Kaesong, and North Korea repeated past complaints. South Korean chief delegate Kim Ki-woong told reporters after the talks ended, according to South Korean media

pool reports.

North Korea has previously pressed South Korea to end military exercises with the United States and stop what it says are insults against Pyongyang's leadership.

The complex, which blends South Korean capital and management skills with cheap North Korean labor, was the last remaining major symbol of inter-Korean cooperation before its suspension.

Other rapprochement projects like reunions of families separated by war and tours to a scenic North Korean mountain have stalled amid recent animosities.

Chinese economic growth slows more as trade slumps

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BEIJING (AP) — China's leaders face new pressure to stimulate a slowing economy after growth fell to its lowest since 1991, hurt by weak trade and efforts to cool a credit boom.

The world's second-largest economy expanded 7.5 percent over a year earlier in the three months ending in June, down from the previous quarter's 7.7 percent, data showed Monday. Growth in factory production, investment and other indicators weakened.

The fifth straight quarter of growth below 8 percent is "a clear sign of distress," said IHS Global Insight analyst Xianfang Ren in a report. With investment weak, she said the economy might be "at risk of stalling." Analysts said growth could fall further, adding to pressure on communist leaders who took power last year. They are trying to shift China from reliance on exports and investment to slower, more sustainable growth based on domestic consumption.

Chinese leaders are likely to launch new stimulus to hit their 7.5 percent growth target for the year, said Credit Agricole CIB economist Dariusz Kowalczyk. He said that might include weakening the Chinese currency to spur exports or pumping money into the economy through higher public works spending.

"We will see some targeted measures to stimulate growth," said Kowalczyk.

"They have to do something. Otherwise they will miss their target. And they cannot afford that, because this is their first year in power."

A decline in Chinese economic activity could have global repercussions, denting revenues for suppliers of commodities and industrial components such as Australia, Brazil and Southeast Asia. Lower Chinese demand already has depressed prices for iron ore and other raw materials.

A stimulus would temporarily set back Beijing's re-

form plans by reinforcing reliance on investment to generate jobs.

Despite the slowdown, communist leaders have expressed determination to stick to their plans, which would impose short-term pain in exchange for sustained, stable growth later.

"Major indicators are within our targeted range but we face a complex situation," said a spokesman for the statistics bureau, Sheng Laiyuan, at a news conference. Sheng said the government's goal is to "promote restructuring" and make more of the "driving force" of the market.

Growth in factory output slowed to 9.3 percent for the first half of the year, down 0.2 percentage points from the first quarter's rate, the statistics bureau reported. Growth in investment in factories and other fixed assets in the first half declined by 0.8 percentage points to 20.1 percent. "Further deceleration is possible if reforms and stimulus measures are delayed," said Alastair Chan of Moody's Analytics in a report.

The International Monetary Fund last week cut its 2013 growth forecast for China to 7.8 percent from its 8.1 percent outlook in April. The IMF's forecast for 2014 was cut to 7.7 percent from 8.3 percent. The Fund's chief economist, Olivier Blanchard, said China was the country at the greatest risk of a "large decrease in growth."

On Monday, Nomura economist Zhiwei Zhang cut his growth forecast for 2014 to 6.9 percent from 7.5 percent and said growth was likely to bottom out at 6.5 percent in the second quarter of next year. He said he expects Chinese leaders to cut their growth target for next year to 7 percent from 7.5 percent.

"The new leaders made it pretty clear that they care more about the quality and sustainability of GDP growth rather than the speed of it," Zhang told reporters in a conference call.

Salvage crews rush for 1 chance to move Concordia

Associated Press

GIGLIO, Italy (AP) — Salvage crews are working against time to remove the shipwrecked Costa Concordia cruise ship, which is slowly being crushed under its own weight on its perch of granite seabed off the Tuscan island of Giglio. Officials said Monday that if this attempt fails, there won't be a second chance.

Nick Sloane, the leader of the salvage operation, said the Concordia has compressed some 3 meters (10 feet) since it came to rest on its side on the rocky perch Jan. 13, 2012, after ramming a jagged reef when it skirted too close to the island during a publicity stunt allegedly ordered by the captain; 32 people were killed.

Sloane, an engineer for U.S.-owned company Titan Salvage, said experts would have one chance to pull the ship upright and

float it away to the mainland for demolition. The attempt will probably take place in mid-September. "We cannot put it back" down and start over, said Sloane.

manslaughter, causing a shipwreck and abandoning the ship before all passengers had been evacuated.

The trial, which was supposed to get under way

less lives.

The timetable to remove the Concordia has also been back. The original plan envisioned removal before start of this summer, but bad weather undermined those plans.

"We lost two months to weather," said salvage master Sloane, explaining that the season's harsh sea conditions made it risky for diving teams to work, including installing bags that are filled with cement to provide a more stable base when the flat-keeled ship is pulled upright.

Sloane said the granite seabed also proved more resistant to drilling than imagined. It was "like trying to drill through glass at a 45-degree angle."

Pressure to make the unprecedented operation succeed is mounting as experts worry that a small window of opportunity to pull off the ambitious feat could shut in a few months.

"Another winter and we might not be able to parbuckle," Sloane said, using the nautical term for righting a ship. He expressed concern that the ship might compress even further, making it impossible to pull it up upright and into a position so it can be floated away.

The project calls for dozens of crane-like pulleys flanking the ship to slowly start tilting the vessel upright at a rate of 3 meters (yards) per hour. In all, the parbuckling should take about 12 hours.

On Monday several welders moved like Spiderman on the now horizontal hull, securing steel pieces which will function like hooks. Steel chains weighing 17,000 tons are being looped under the wreck to help pull it upright. So far 18 chains have been laid, with the remaining four to be put in place over the next few days. □



Sunbathers walk on rocks as the Costa Concordia cruiser is visible in background, in the Tuscan Island of Isola del Giglio, Monday, July 15, 2013.

(AP Photo/Gregorio Borgia)

Sloane spoke aboard a work boat as he accompanied journalists for a close-hand look of the wreckage on the eve of the trial of Capt. Francesco Schettino, who is charged with

July 9, was postponed until Wednesday due to a lawyers' strike. The Italian captain denies wrongdoing, and claims his skillful guiding of the ship after the collision helped save count-



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Earthquake rattles Dominican Republic

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — A magnitude-4.9 earthquake has caused alarm but no significant reported damage in the Dominican Republic. The U.S. Geological Survey says the Monday morning quake was centered about 53 miles (85 kilometers) north of the capital of Santo Domingo and about 22 miles (37 kilometers) below the surface. The government fielded hundreds of emergency calls from jittery people across the Caribbean country, some of whom evacuated buildings and rushed into the streets. The earthquake also slightly disrupted phone and electricity service in some areas.

Jamaica adopts smoking ban in public

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — People caught lighting up in bars, restaurants and other enclosed public spaces now face hefty penalties in Jamaica. The new law also prohibits smoking in outdoor public spots such as bus stops and open-air sports stadiums. Health Minister Fenton Ferguson says businesses will have six months to post "no smoking" signs and all tobacco products have to include graphic new warnings about the health effects of lighting up. Police commanders say they will likely issue warnings to violators for now while they wait for the public to be sensitized to the new law. First-time offenders could be fined up to \$500 or face three months in a lockup.

Cayman police say US man died diving

GEORGE TOWN, Cayman Islands (AP) — Cayman Islands police have named the 73-year-old American tourist who died while scuba diving last week. The Royal Cayman Islands Police Service said the dead tourist was James Klein of Erlanger, Kentucky. Police say Klein died Wednesday after losing consciousness while ascending along an underwater cliff. He was given CPR and transported to shore but was declared dead at a clinic. He was vacationing with his wife in Little Cayman, a tiny island in the British territory that is often ranked among the world's best dive locations.

Jamaica police seize pot haul on patrol

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Jamaican police have seized just over 2,000 pounds (907 kilograms) of marijuana and 35 pounds (16 kilograms) of hashish during a routine patrol in a south coast town.

The police force's marine division seized the cache of contraband wrapped in plastic after finding a small boat hidden in mangroves in the coastal community of Old Harbour. Officers found bundles containing the drugs stored on the boat. Police said they have made no arrests in connection with the find. Jamaica is the Caribbean's largest producer and exporter of marijuana. Plants are grown mostly on the sides of mountains or hidden among other crops.

Grenada limits mining to small projects

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada (AP) — The government of Grenada says two beaches it declared open to sand mining will only supply small-scale construction projects such as homes. Works Minister Gregory Bowen said that major public and private construction projects will be barred from using sand at the Galby and Grand Bacolet areas in the island's rural eastern region. While Grenada banned sand mining in 2009, an amendment to the law allows the environment minister to make certain exceptions.

Cuba: Athletes, artists embracing capitalism

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Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — Cuban track and field legend Javier Sotomayor has launched a sports bar named for the height of his world record high jump. An Olympic volleyball champion has opened a swanky new Italian restaurant, and salsa star Hugo Morejon has a first-rate automotive repair

and eat pizzas while perusing memorabilia from Sotomayor's career, such as a white athletic shoe he used in competition and several of his awards and medals. The bar is named after the height in meters (equivalent to 8 feet, 1/2 inch) of Sotomayor's world record high jump, set in 1993. The record stands 20 years later, but the 45-year-old

the new policies of the Cuban government," Lamrani said, which "in the future will be increasingly based on the private sector."

At the Van Van Garage, gleaming Fiats, Mercedes and Peugeots overflow into the street outside, and uniform-wearing mechanics use a desktop computer to show clients which parts need repair. The garage,



Patrons sit next to a picture of Cuban world champion high jump Javier Sotomayor at Sport-Bar 2.45 in Havana, Cuba. The Cuban track and field legend has launched the sports bar, named for the height of his world record high jump.

(AP Photo/Franklin Reyes)

shop.

Armed with money and name recognition, Cuban athletes and artists who have long enjoyed a far more luxurious lifestyle than their compatriots on the Communist-run island are embracing the new world of private enterprise. In doing so, the celebrities have exposed themselves to more than a little envy from a population already weary of the perks they've long had.

At least a dozen athletes and artists have started private businesses since President Raul Castro began opening Cuba's economy to limited capitalism in 2010, and others have quietly invested in such establishments. Many of the spots have opened in recent months.

At Sport-Bar 2.45, patrons sip icy-cold Cuban beer

Sotomayor has moved on from his past as one of the Communist world's great athletes, and now considers himself a businessman. He opened the bar in the front garden of his home, with his ex-wife as a co-investor, and it is often filled with young Cubans and tourists.

"I feel good about what I am doing now; for me it is a challenge," Sotomayor said. "I had success in competition in the high jump. Now, we will see if the bar reaches these same heights."

Salim Lamrani, a professor at the Sorbonne University in Paris who writes extensively about Cuba, said the embrace of the reforms by such stars sends a strong message to other islanders that change is here to stay. "These celebrity businesses are powerful publicity for

owned by trombone player Hugo Morejon, is a striking departure from most Cuban repair shops, which labor to keep hulking 1950s Chevys on the road using homemade parts fashioned from scrap metal.

Morejon, a member of Cuba's most famous contemporary salsa group, Los Van Van, doesn't need the money. But he says he's always loved cars and opened the shop after the Cuban government legalized some forms of private enterprise in 2010, hiring several young mechanics to handle the workload.

"We work like a cooperative," Morejon explained. "I am the owner but I don't earn any more than them." He acknowledged his recognizable name helps draw clients, but said more has been needed to make them regulars.

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MALMOK- While the 85 ft teak schooner sailing ship was moored at Boca Catalina, Christian Bosnie and Willemijn Van Hagen celebrated good times aboard the Jolly Pirates with their wedding guests from Holland, local Water Sports friends and fellow band members from Mystical Connection.

With magic and wonder in the trade winds Chris and Willemijn said their "I Do's" and like all starry - eyed couples they pledged their love to each other. In keeping with the Jolly Pirates tradition, the couple exchanged the ship's bright orange life rings and sealed the deal with a kiss. As the sun set into the horizon in a colorful kaleidoscope of color and with a full ship of friends and family to witness, cups of the ship's signature brew, Pirate's Poison were raised to toast the couples special day. Aye! Aye! With advance notice the Jolly Pirates can also help you to make your special day more special with arrangements for Private Ceremonies for your day to include Wedding Cake, Canapés, Champagne, Flowers, Live Music, Up-scale Menus and Photographer. Weddings and Wedding Receptions can also be arranged aboard their impressive teak schooners. If Pirate Wedding Booty is what yer' been yearning for, please visit the Jolly Pirates Website; www.jolly-pirates.com for additional information. You can give the Jolly Pirates a shout at their souvenir shop on the MooMba Beach or call 586-8107 and after hours 592-7858.□



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InselAir expands capacity to Venezuela with regular fares

ORANJESTAD - InselAir announced recently that it would expand its capacity to and from Venezuela considerably in order to compensate for the drop of available seats between Venezuela and Curacao. Various articles in the media suggested that InselAir would have increased rates significantly between the two countries. The last rate adjustment took place in February 2013, after the devaluation of the Bolivar and before the drop of seats on this route. InselAir registers, like almost any other airline in the world, all rates at the "Airline Tariff Publishing Company" (ATPCO). This company distributes the

rates to all travel agencies and other ticket sales channels and also secures changes in rates by an airline. All travel agents can confirm that InselAir has not increased rates on this route since February 2013, when the last change took place. Actually, the opposite has occurred: InselAir has brought many stranded passengers to their final destination at highly discounted rates. After having increased the capacity, most flights have open seats now, which indicates that there is sufficient capacity again between Venezuela and Curacao, at the same rates that have always been used by InselAir. □

At CHTA's Taste of the Caribbean 2013: Another golden year for Trinidad & Tobago's culinary team



PORT OF SPAIN – Trinidad and Tobago's team of culinary superstars defended the country's winning streak by grabbing its seventh straight team gold medal and solidifying its spot on the epicurean traveler's map during Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association's (CHTA) annual Taste of The Caribbean Competition, held at the Hyatt Regency Miami, June 26-30, 2013. Representing the dual-island nation was Raymond Joseph, team

captain, Courtyard by Marriott; Sabrina Rosales, vice-captain, Sabrina's Exotic Chutneys; Adrian Cumberbatch, chef, Hyatt Regency Trinidad; Jeremy Lovell, chef, Courtyard by Marriott; Cheryl Ann Shortt-Charles, pastry chef, TTHTI; Naomi Lovell, junior chef; Janelle Olliverre, alternative chef, Hilton Trinidad; Clinton Ramdhan, bartender, Martini Makers; and Karlina Permell, alternate bartender, Hilton Trinidad. This was Team Captain



Raymond Joseph's third and final year of Captaincy after leading the team to gold medals for three consecutive years as well as the Team of the Year title in 2011. This year's gold medal honors included the coveted Team Competition; Clinton Ramdhan, Bartender of the Year Competition and Bartender Competition; Best Vodka Drink; Naomi Lovell, Junior Chef of the Year; Janelle Olliverre, Cheesecake Competition and Taste of the Islands Best Team--showcasing the best street food and drink

presentation.

Other medals include Chef of the Year Competition, bronze, Jeremy Lovell; Pastry Chef Competition, silver, Cheryl Shortt-Charles; Mystery Rum, silver, Karlina Purmell; Beef Competition, silver, Adrian Cumberbatch; and Seafood Competition, silver, Jeremy Lovell.

Organized by the Trinidad Hotels, Restaurants and Tourism Association (THRTA) as a member of the CHTA, the five-day competition featured ten teams from the Caribbean that competed in both

team and individual competitions in various categories including, Taste of the Islands, Chef of the Year, Junior Chef of the Year, Bartender of the Year, Pastry Chef of the Year and cheesecake competitions. Each culinary team prepared and presented food and beverages that was judged on taste, execution of skills and presentation. Trinidad and Tobago's award-winning team was yet again guided by Louanna Chai-Alves, executive director, THRTA and Michelle Young, team manager. □



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RONALD BLUM**AP Sports Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) — With his staff pursuing yet another investigation into performance-enhancing drugs, Commissioner Bud Selig defended baseball's drug-testing program on the eve of the All-Star game and insisted "this sport is cleaner than it's ever been."

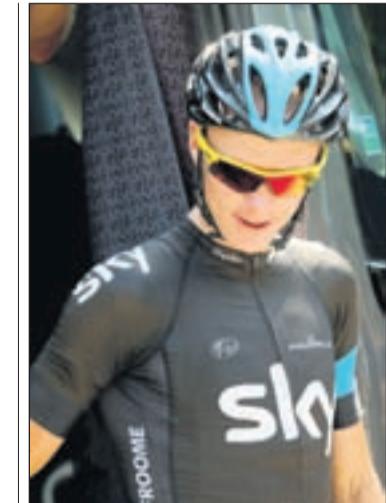
Selig declined to detail timing for decisions in the probe of the closed anti-aging clinic Biogenesis, accused of distributing performance-enhancing drugs. MLB could attempt to discipline former MVPs Alex Rodriguez and Ryan Braun along with other players.

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In this May 16, 2013 file photo, commissioner Bud Selig answers a question during a news conference at Major League Baseball headquarters, in New York.

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Overall leader Christopher Froome of Britain leaves the team bus for a training on the rest day of the Tour de France cycling race in Orange, southern France, Monday July 15, 2013.

Associated Press

Froome looks unbeatable in Tour quest

JEROME PUGMIRE**AP Sports Writer****ENTRECHAUX, France (AP)**

— There appears to be little to stop Chris Froome from reaching the Champs-Elysees on Sunday in the yellow jersey and becoming the second straight British cyclist to win the Tour de France.

After another brutal attack in the mountains on Sunday, Froome leads Bauke Mollema and Alberto Contador by more than four minutes with only six stages left — four of them suited to him. There is a time trial on Wednesday, followed by three straight days of tortuous climbs in the Alps. But winning looks like the easy part.

The 28-year-old Froome's physical superiority at the 100th Tour has raised eyebrows, practically inevitable in the climate of suspicion that haunts cycling after Lance Armstrong was stripped of his seven titles for serial doping.

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Harvey to start All-Star Game Rivera to finish?

By RONALD BLUM**AP Sports Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) -- The first and last pitch of the All-Star game could well be "New York, New York."

Young ace Matt Harvey of the Mets will start for the National League on his home mound. Mariano Rivera, in his final season, may well finish for the AL.

"Having the opportunity to take the ball is something I'll never forget," Harvey said Monday. On July 16 last year, Harvey was pitching for Triple-A Buffalo against Toledo before 5,885 fans at Coca-Cola Field. On Tuesday night, he'll be starting against Detroit's Max Scherzer in front of a sellout crowd at Citi Field and a worldwide television audience. At 24, Harvey is the youngest All-Star starting pitcher since the Mets' Dwight Gooden in 1988,

when he was 23. Harvey will be the first pitcher from the host team to start an All-Star game since Houston's Roger Clemens in 2004 and just the 11th overall.

"It really wouldn't have mattered what city we were playing in with the year that he's had, the impressive numbers that he's put up," said San Francisco's Bruce Bochy, the NL manager. "He would have been the starting pitcher." Harvey, 7-2 with a 2.35 ERA and an NL-high 147 strikeouts, has made 29 major league starts - the fewest for an All-Star starter since Hideo Nomo with 13 in 1995. Big league hitters can't stop talking about his heater.

His fastball velocity of 95.2 mph is 0.1 mph behind Washington's Stephen Strasburg, the major league leader this year, according

to fangraphs.com.

"He's a power guy that attacks hitters," said Minnesota catcher Joe Mauer, a two-time AL batting champion. "He has four above-average pitches."

Harvey throws the hardest slider and curve in the majors, and he ranks second in swinging strikes at 12.7 percent, just behind Texas' Yu Darvish (13.3) and ahead of Scherzer (12.3).

"I don't even know what he's throwing. He throws everything," Washington's Bryce Harper said.

Scherzer, 28, had the most dominant first half in a quarter-century, in terms of wins. His 13-0 record before Saturday's loss to Texas was the most wins in a perfect start since Clemens won his first 14 decisions in 1986.

Detroit's Justin Verlander was the AL starter and loser last year. Scherzer (13-

1, 3.10 ERA) joins him to become the first pitchers from the same club to start consecutive All-Star games since Arizona's Randy Johnson (2000-01) and Curt Schilling (2002).

"We go throughout the season and we see guys who absolutely deal, and for skipper to give me the nod over those guys just means so much to me," Scherzer said as he sat next to Tigers manager Jim Leyland, who will pilot the American League squad.

Rivera, at 43 the oldest All-Star this year, sat in Jackie Robinson Rotunda in front of a large blue sculpture of Robinson's "42" - fitting given that the number was retired for all teams in 1997 on the 50th anniversary of the day Robinson broke baseball's color barrier.

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Italian police raid Jamaican sprinters' hotel

ANDREW DAMPF
AP Sports Writer

ROME (AP) — Italian police confiscated unknown substances Monday in a raid on the hotel where Jamaican sprinters Asafa Powell and Sherone Simpson were staying after each tested positive for banned stimulants.

Rooms of the athletes and physical trainer Christopher Xuereb of Canada were searched and drugs and muscle supplements were seized, Udine police captain Antonio Pisapia told The Associated Press.

Pisapia said it was unclear if the drugs and muscle supplements were legal or illicit and that the substances were being analyzed.

"We are examining the substances now," Pisapia said. "No arrests have been made and nobody has been placed under investigation."

Meanwhile, discus thrower

Allison Randall acknowledged that she was one of the five Jamaican athletes who tested positive for the stimulant oxilofrine at the Jamaican championships last month, along with Powell, a former world-record holder at 100 meters, and Simpson.

Randall holds the island's record for the discus throw and competed at the London Olympics. Her statement says she was "shocked and surprised" at the findings and hopes her backup sample will clear her name.

The Jamaica Athletics Administrative Association issued a brief statement Monday saying an anti-doping management process has started for the athletes. It did not identify the two other athletes who tested positive.

Both Powell and Simpson train under Stephen Francis, a coach at the high-profile MVP Track and Field

Club in Jamaica. In an interview on Jamaican radio station HITZ 92 on Monday, Francis blamed the positive tests on Xuereb.

"We are not disowning Asafa, we are just saying this relates to his personal employee. The trainer has nothing to do with MVP," Francis said.

Francis told the radio station that he told Powell to only trust people who were with him from the start.

"If you are going to sink, sink with people who were always around," he said.

The raid at the Fra i Pini hotel in Lignano Sabbiadoro in northeastern Italy came in stark contrast to the usual warm reception that the runners generally receive in Lignano, and the town's mayor, Luca Fanotto, recommended "caution" before drawing conclusions. "The Jamaican team has chosen the sports facilities of Lignano Sabbiadoro as their training base for years



In this Sept. 12, 2009 file photo Tyson Gay, left, of the United States and Asafa Powell from Jamaica compete in men's 100 meters during an IAAF World Athletics Final at Thessaloniki's Kaftanzoglio stadium, Greece.

Associated Press

and they never forget to thank the city from podiums all over the world," Fanotto said in a statement.

A local athletics meet is scheduled for Tuesday in Lignano and the Jamaicans had been scheduled to compete as they do

most years. However, neither Powell nor Simpson were on start lists released Monday.

The police captain with the specialized NAS unit added that Powell and Simpson were informed of the positive tests Saturday morning. □

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Rivera, grandfathered in, will be the last major leaguer to have that number on his back.

With 30 saves in 32 chances and a 1.83 ERA in his farewell season for the New York Yankees, Rivera is still the best.

"I think it would be probably the most beautiful touch in the world if we could somehow get a lead on the National League and play the ninth inning with the greatest closer of all-time coming out of the bullpen," Leyland said.

If not? "You can rest assured, he will be on the mound at some point and you will see him pitch, whether it be to a hitter, an inning," Leyland said. "You will see No. 42 pitch."

A 13-time All-Star, still slender but his short-cropped



Detroit Tigers starting pitcher Max Scherzer tosses to first to get Cleveland Indians' Mike Aviles on a ground out to end the third inning of a baseball game Monday, July 8, 2013, in Cleveland.

Associated Press

Selig**Continued from page 18**

Baseball began drug testing for the 2003 season, added penalties the following year, banned amphetamines in 2006 and started HGH blood testing last year. Critics said baseball didn't move quickly enough.

"People say, 'Well, you were slow to react.' We were not slow to react," Selig said Monday. "In fact, I heard that this morning, and it aggravated me all over again."

There were eight violations of the major league drug program last year, and All-Star game MVP Melky Cabrera was among those who served a 50-game suspension following a positive PEDs test. There have been no suspensions in the big leagues this year.

During a question-and-answer session arranged by Politico, a question was sent by Will, identified as an 8-year-old in Los Angeles. He asked: "How old will I be when ... you can say that there are no more cheaters in baseball, not one?"

"Will, this is what I would say

to you," Selig responded. "I used to object way back when, when people would talk about steroids. They're not a baseball problem or a football problem or a basketball problem. They're a societal problem."

Selig, who turns 79 on July 30, also denied his willingness to combat steroids has increased during his time in office, which started in 1992.

"Some people say now that I'm over-vigilant because I'm worried about my legacy," he said. "That's nonsense. That's the silliest thing I've ever heard. This is in the best interests of baseball. I was brought up to understand that you are to do what's in the best interest of this sport no matter what, even if it's painful, and we're going to do that."

He maintained the majority of players object to being tainted as playing in what's referred to as the Steroids Era.

"Most players on their team didn't do anything. They were as clean as could be," he said. "So the Steroid Era in short to some people implies, well everybody did it. That's wrong, and it's unfair."

According to Selig, Major League Baseball's decision to hire former U.S. Secret Service director Mark Sullivan to assist in its Biogenesis probe was evidence of baseball's effort to ensure there are "no stones unturned."

"We have many groups, consulting groups that are working on this whole investigation," he said.

Selig has said repeatedly he intends to retire, only to change his mind. His current term runs through December 2014, and he has made no effort to start planning for a successor.

"That's a subject that I'm going to put off for a while. Right now we haven't gotten into specifics," he said. On other subjects, Selig:

—said he's never sent an email. "And I never will. ... I'm illiterate when it comes to that, and proud of it. ... I did get an iPhone, so I've made some slight progress."

—is concerned about spending on players, whose average salary rose 6 percent to \$3.65 million on opening day, the steepest rise since 2008. Baseball's revenue is projected to reach \$8 billion this year, and Selig wants clubs to

spend less than half on players. "We've made some new television deals and our clubs got a little excited, and so we may go over 50 percent, and that's dangerous. I think we have to work on more mechanisms."

—is deferring action on the Oakland Athletics' preference to build a ballpark in San Jose until the city of San Jose's antitrust suit against MLB moves forward. San Jose is in the territory of San Francisco Giants. "We are defending ourselves. So before I make any decisions, we'll see what happens to that. I feel pretty good."

—is concerned with Tampa Bay and Miami, which have the lowest attendance averages in the major leagues. "I certainly haven't given up on Florida. The demographics are too good," he said. As for Tampa, "We have a stadium problem there. There's no question about it." And for Miami, "We've had some things happen that need to be corrected."

—Asked what song he would use to for his introduction while walking to home plate for an at-bat: "Bridge over Troubled Water." □

hair receded, Rivera has thrown eight scoreless innings in All-Star games and has a record four saves.

"It's not emotional yet," he said. "Now, that could change by tomorrow."

The managers also announced their starting lineups Monday.

Bochy's batting order for the NL has Cincinnati second baseman Brandon Phillips leading off, followed by St. Louis right fielder Carlos Beltran, Reds first baseman Joey Votto, Mets third baseman David Wright, Colorado left fielder Carlos Gonzalez, Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina, Rockies shortstop Troy Tulowitzki, Colorado designated hitter Michael Cuddyer and Washington center fielder Bryce Harper.

In the AL, Leyland has the Los Angeles Angels' Mike Trout in left field and leading off, followed by New York Yankees second baseman Robinson Cano, Detroit third baseman Miguel Cabrera, Baltimore first baseman Chris Davis, Toronto right fielder Jose Bautista, Boston designated hitter David Ortiz, Orioles center fielder Adam Jones, Minnesota catcher Joe Mauer and Baltimore shortstop J.J. Hardy. □

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World Peace says he'll sign with Knicks

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Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Metta World Peace said Monday he'll be coming home to play for the New York Knicks, just days after the veteran forward was waived by the Los Angeles Lakers.

The Knicks said a contract has not been signed the former NBA Defensive Player of the Year, but an agreement has been reached.

"The team is amazing, the players. I'm excited to play and hustle," World Peace said while attending the NBA summer league in Las Vegas.

World Peace, who grew up in New York City and attended university there, was waived Thursday by the Lakers, who used the amnesty clause to create salary cap space. The 6-foot-7 forward will still be paid the \$7.7 million that was owed to him by the

Lakers.

"It has nothing to do with New York, the city," World Peace said. "The only thing that's important are those players that I'm going to be joining and touching that hallway with. That's all that's important right now."

"I don't think I'm a missing piece (to a puzzle)," he said. "I'm more honored to be playing with these players."

Marc Cornstein, World Peace's agent, said the new deal came about pretty quickly. The Knicks expressed interest right after they were allowed to reach out to the forward, who legally changed his name from Ron Artest during his tenure with the Lakers.

"He's really excited to be joining his hometown team. That's obviously been something that's been a dream of his since growing up in Queens-

bridge (in Queens)," Cornstein said. "He's just thrilled to be joining the New York Knicks."

In 14 NBA seasons with five teams, World Peace has averaged 14.1 points and 4.7 rebounds per game. He averaged 12.4 points and 5.0 rebounds in 75 games last season. The 33-year-old tore knee cartilage in March and clearly wasn't the same player afterward. He didn't play in the last game of San Antonio's four-game sweep of the Lakers in the first round of the NBA playoffs.

The Atlanta Hawks, meanwhile, signed two-time NBA All-Star Elton Brand on Monday, picking up a player who can bolster their depth in the front-court and provide veteran leadership in the locker room.

The 34-year-old Brand, the No. 1 overall pick in the 1999 NBA draft, averaged 7.2 points and 6.0 rebounds



In this March 5, 2013, file photo, Los Angeles Lakers forward Metta World Peace (15) drives around Oklahoma City Thunder forward Kevin Durant during an NBA basketball game in Oklahoma City.

Associated Press

per game last season with the Dallas Mavericks, well below his career average of 17.4 points and 9.1 rebounds.

Also Monday, the Detroit Pistons officially announced the signing of Italian forward Luigi Datome. The Pistons agreed to a \$3.5 million, two-year contract

last week with Datome, who has played professionally in Italy since 2003 and has been a member of the Italian national team since 2007.

Datome was named Italian League Most Valuable Player with Roma in 2013, averaging 16.7 points and 5.7 rebounds per game. □

WNBA Capsules

Parker leads Sparks to win over Mercury



Phoenix Mercury's Diana Taurasi dribbles through a double team from Los Angeles Sparks' Alana Beard, rear, and Lindsey Harding during a WNBA basketball game Sunday, July 14, 2013, in Phoenix. The Sparks won 88-76.

Associated Press

The Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — Candace Parker had 21 points, eight rebounds and five assists to lead the Los Angeles Sparks to their fifth straight win, an 88-76 victory Sunday over the Phoenix Mercury.

Nneka Ogwumike added 16 points and 13 rebounds for the Sparks, who have beaten their last five opponents by an average of 18.6 points a game after a 5-4 start.

Phoenix (8-7) played its second straight game without No. 1 draft pick Brittney Griner, who has a sore left knee injured June 6 against Minnesota.

Los Angeles took control

early with a 13-point run in the first quarter and then held off Phoenix rallies in the second and third quarters. Diana Taurasi had 23 points, including three 3-pointers, to lead the Mercury, who have lost three straight after winning five in a row.

SUN 86, SILVER STARS 84

UNCASVILLE, Connecticut (AP) — Tina Charles had 20 points and 10 rebounds while Allison Hightower scored 23 points to help the Sun rally in the fourth quarter to beat the Silver Stars.

Allison Hightower had 23 points and five rebounds for the Sun (4-9), who had

lost six of their last seven games prior to Sunday.

Kara Lawson, playing her second game since returning from a knee injury, came off the bench and had 14 points and six assists for Connecticut.

Jia Perkins had 23 points and seven rebounds for the Silver Stars (4-10) and Danielle Robinson added 10 points and eight assists. Connecticut fell behind 67-59 with over seven minutes left in the game before going on a 17-4 run. Hightower concluded the run with a 3-pointer to push the Sun ahead 76-71 with over four minutes remaining.

STORM 73, DREAM 65

SEATTLE (AP) — Tanisha Wright scored 13 of her 21 points in the second half and Camille Little added 19 points and 10 rebounds as the Storm rallied to beat the short-handed Dream.

Shekinna Stricklen added 10 points for the Storm in her first start. Seattle (6-8) had lost five of six.

Rookie Alex Bentley scored 16 and Erika de Souza had 16 points and 14 rebounds for Atlanta (10-3), which only had eight players available. The Dream were missing Angel McCoughtry (strained Achilles, 19.8 points per game), Sancho Lytle (foot, 14.3) and Tiffany Hayes (knee, 10.8). □

Woods drawn with McDowell, Oosthuizen at Muirfield

The Associated Press

GULLANE, Scotland (AP) -- Tiger Woods is getting a late start to the British Open at Muirfield.

Woods plays the opening two rounds with former British Open champion Louis Oosthuizen and former U.S. Open champion Graeme McDowell. They tee off at 2:45 p.m. local time (9:45 a.m. EDT), with a 9:44 a.m. (4:44 a.m. EDT) start on Friday. It's the first time Woods has been drawn with either of them on a weekday of

a major.

Woods is the betting favorite to end his five-year drought in the majors.

Rory McIlroy plays with Scottish Open winner Phil Mickelson, along with Hideki Matsuyama of Japan.

Nick Faldo, returning to Muirfield one last time, is in a group with five-time Open champion Tom Watson and Fred Couples.

U.S. Open champion Justin Rose plays with defending champion Ernie Els and Brandt Snedeker. □



Tiger Woods plays a shot during a practice round ahead of the British Open Golf Championship, Muirfield, Scotland, Monday, July 15, 2013. The British Open begins on Thursday, July 18.

Associated Press

Real Madrid tops Forbes' most valuable teams list

NEW YORK (AP) — Real Madrid tops Forbes' list of 50 most valuable sports teams, with Manchester United and Barcelona holding the next two spots. Forbes says Real Madrid is worth \$3.3 billion. The Spanish power moved up a spot from No. 2 last year.

Man United, which was No. 1 last year, is worth \$3.17 million. Barcelona, Real Madrid's fierce rival and Spanish League champions last season, is worth \$2.6 billion.

The New York Yankees are fourth with a value of \$2.3 billion and the Dallas Cowboys are fifth at \$2.1 billion.

Thirty of the 32 NFL teams made the list, along with seven baseball teams and seven soccer teams. □

FROOME

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This year's race is the first since Armstrong lost his titles, and Froome understands the tone of the questions. Still, he was unhappy that doping became a main topic of his news conference on Monday's rest day. That followed his stage win on Mont Ventoux, a mammoth climb in Provence that he tamed with two blistering attacks and where he left Contador — the 2007 and '09 Tour champion — lagging behind.

"I just think it's quite sad that we're sitting here the day after the biggest victory of my life ... quite a historic win, talking about doping," Froome said. "Here I am basically being accused of being a cheat and a liar and that's not cool."

"To compare me with Lance, I mean, Lance cheated. I'm not cheating. End of story."

With so many of cycling's recent exploits later shown to have been drug-assisted, people understandably want to know whether they should continue believing. Froome's performances are subject to intense debate on social media, cycling blogs and in mainstream media.

"I can assure you that we are thinking very, very hard about the optimal way of proving to you guys that



"we're not doping," Sky team manager Dave Brailsford said Monday, adding that the World Anti-Doping Agency could help by appointing an expert to scrutinize Froome.

"They can come and live with us," Brailsford said. "They can have all of our information. They can see all of our data."

Brailsford and Froome would much rather focusing on the Alps.

And judging by what Contador saw on the 21-kilometer (13-mile) ascent up Ventoux, the Spaniard has every reason to fear more

misery there.

"My objective was to win the Tour, but (Froome) is a level above the rest," Contador said.

If Contador thinks Ventoux was tough, then he will be dreading Thursday's 18th stage — featuring two big climbs up l'Alpe d'Huez, one of the Tour's most famed mountain passes.

That is bad enough, but Friday's 204.5-kilometer (127-mile) trek from Bourg d'Oisans to Le Grand-Bornand looks horrendous. There is simply no respite. The day begins with two massive climbs, known as

HC (Hors Categorie, essentially meaning they are beyond classification because they are so tough) and finishes with two nasty Category 1 climbs, a level just below HC but still incredibly hard.

For good measure, Saturday's stage ends with a 10.7-kilometer (6.6-mile) HC climb up to Semnoz.

Froome, however, remains wary of Contador.

"There are a lot of very eager racers in the peloton left with a lot still to prove," Froome said. "For us it's about keeping the yellow jersey and riding in what-

ever way we can to best defend (it). I don't think we are necessarily on a mission to try and win every mountain top finish."

There is a glimmer of hope for Contador, however, because Froome's Sky teammates have struggled at times. On two stages, Froome had to fend for himself. If that happens again in the Alps — and if he has a bad day — he could yet lose a serious amount of time.

"Yes, there is one stage I am looking at. It could be a good day to try something," Contador said through a translator. "I'm going to look for an opportunity. In one week's time you'll know which one it was."

Sky now has seven riders because Edvald Boasson Hagen retired with injury last week and Vasil Kiryienka missed the time cut on Stage 9.

"We lost a lot of our horsepower, our engine room," Froome said. "Since then it's been about managing the resources we do have and trying to get through each day as best we can. I feel the guys have done a fantastic job."

Froome may need a little bit more of a cushion, though, and could target the 32-kilometer (20-mile) time trial.

The race resumes on Tuesday with a medium mountain stage from Vaison-la-Romaine to Gap in the Alps. □

Magnetic CEO, Alibaba jackpot rejuvenate Yahoo

MICHAEL LIEDTKE

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Not much had been going right for Yahoo until it lured Marissa Mayer away from Google to become its CEO last summer. The move is shaping up as the best thing to happen to Yahoo since 2005 when it invested \$1 billion in what was then a little-known Internet company in China, Alibaba.

Mayer's magnetism and Alibaba's prosperity are now combining to transform Yahoo Inc. from a tale of woe into a comeback story that is winning over Silicon Valley and Wall Street.

People are spending more time on Yahoo's flagship website. Talented engineers and entrepreneurs are coming to work for the company. Investors are adding its long-languishing stock to their portfolios again. The signs of renewed interest and hope mark a dramatic change from the feelings of hopelessness that had enveloped Yahoo under the direction of six CEOs in the six years leading up to Mayer's appointment.

Yahoo's reversal of fortune will be in the spotlight Tuesday when the Sunnyvale, California, company releases its second-quarter financial results on the one-year anniversary of Mayer's surprise hiring from Google. Mayer, 38, had been a top executive who played a key role in Google's evolution from startup to powerhouse. Tuesday's results aren't expected to be anything special, but that probably won't matter as long as Mayer can keep convincing people that Yahoo is making steady progress after years of aimlessness.

Since her arrival, Mayer has orchestrated 17 acquisitions, including a \$1.1 billion purchase of Internet blogging service Tumblr, Yahoo's biggest in a decade. Yahoo's home page, email and Flickr photo service have all been redesigned, and a few mobile applications have been upgraded, helping to increase use of the com-

pany's Internet services. And Yahoo's revenue is increasing, if ever so slightly, after three straight years of decline.

Despite all that, Mayer can't take much credit for Yahoo's resurgent stock. Most of the 75 percent increase in the shares has been driven by the rising value of the company's stake in Alibaba Group, which owns a network of bustling e-commerce and digital payment services in China.

9 percent, from last July. Yahoo still owns a 24 percent stake in Alibaba. Schachter estimates that could bring in another \$20 billion when Yahoo sells the rest of its holdings. Some of the money is expected to come in when Alibaba makes an eagerly anticipated initial public offering of stock, expected by early next year. The rest would come some time after the Chinese company goes public.

That looming jackpot is the

the three-year downturn in Yahoo's annual revenue. It was a modest achievement, given that Yahoo's revenue increased by just 2 percent last year, after its ad commissions. The growth lagged the 15 percent increase in the overall U.S. digital advertising market last year, according to the Interactive Advertising Bureau. Facebook's revenue grew 37 percent over the same period, while Google's was up 21 percent, excluding revenue from last year's acquisition of Motorola Mobility.

Mayer is now focused on redesigning Yahoo's Internet services and improving its applications for smartphones and tablets in an effort to persuade people to check in more frequently and stay for longer periods of time.

The makeover of Yahoo's home page, in particular, appears to be winning over Web surfers. In May, the total amount of time spent on Yahoo.com in the U.S. rose by 36 percent from the same time last year, according to research firm comScore. That followed a 35 percent year-over-year increase in April and a 26 percent increase in March. The increased usage gives Yahoo more opportunities to show ads, although Mayer has repeatedly warned it may be two or three more years until the company's revenue is keeping pace with the rest of the market.

S&P Capital IQ analyst Scott Kessler said that while Alibaba is the primary springboard for Yahoo's stock, some credit also belongs to Mayer for her ideas and the credibility she brought after spending 13 years helping to build Google into the Internet's most powerful company.

"As I've said before, companies with the best talent win, and it's clear we're now back in the game," Mayer declared during Yahoo's most recent earnings conference call in April.

Mayer, who declined interview requests through a spokeswoman, describes her turnaround plan then as a "series of sprints" that will take several years to finish. She believes she completed the first phase by improving employee morale at Yahoo and ending

startups to sell themselves to Yahoo, bringing along their expertise and innovations. Yahoo's 17 acquisitions under Mayer have mostly been deals so small that the company hasn't had to disclose the price that it paid. The one exception: the Tumblr purchase. It's a \$1.1 billion gamble that Yahoo might not have afforded, if not for the cash coming in from its propitious Alibaba investment.

That 2005 Alibaba deal was pulled off by two of Mayer's frequently maligned predecessors as Yahoo CEO, former movie studio mogul Terry Semel and company co-founder Jerry Yang. At that time, Yahoo was looking for a way to reduce its direct exposure to China while still retaining some exposure to what has turned into world's largest Internet market.

Alibaba has since blossomed into one of the world's fastest growing Internet companies with revenue last year of \$1.8 billion, an 80 percent increase from 2011. Alibaba's earnings more than doubled last year to \$642 million. Semel was Yahoo's CEO at the time of the Alibaba investment. He resigned in 2007 under pressure from shareholders who were unhappy with Yahoo's deteriorating financial performance. He was succeeded by Yang, whose friendship with Alibaba founder Jack Ma and connections in China paved the way for the deal. Yang resigned as CEO in late 2008 amid shareholder outrage over a squandered opportunity to sell Yahoo to Microsoft Corp. for \$47.5 billion, or \$33 per share. Not long after Microsoft withdrew its offer, Yahoo's stock fell into a deep funk that kept its price below \$20 for more than four years. Now, it may not be much longer before Yahoo's stock surpasses the price offered by Microsoft. The shares closed Monday at \$27.34, up from \$15.65 when Mayer took over. "In hindsight, the Alibaba investment was the single greatest creation of value that Yahoo has ever done," Schachter said. □



In this Monday, May 20, 2013, file photo, Yahoo CEO Marissa Mayer speaks during a news conference in New York.

Associated Press

"The performance of Yahoo's stock under Marissa has virtually nothing to do with what everyone associates with Yahoo — the U.S. operations," Macquarie Capital analyst Ben Schachter said. "We really haven't seen a significant change in the operations yet." Mayer wasn't involved in the initial investment in Alibaba. Shortly after Mayer came on board, however, Yahoo realized a \$7.6 billion windfall by selling roughly half of its Alibaba stake back to the Chinese company.

Investors have been pleased with what Mayer has done with the money. She has used most of the after-tax proceeds to buy back Yahoo's stock, a tactic that has funneled money back to them and boosted the company's earnings per share by reducing the amount of outstanding stock. Yahoo ended April with 1.08 billion outstanding shares, a decrease of 102 million, or

main reason that Yahoo's stock has climbed so much during Mayer's tenure. The run-up has occurred even though Yahoo has still been losing ground to Google and Facebook Inc. in the Internet ad market that generates most of their revenue. The trend is likely to surface once again in Tuesday's earnings report. While Alibaba has boosted Yahoo's stock in the short term, Mayer is trying to set the stage for a comeback in the long term.

"As I've said before, companies with the best talent win, and it's clear we're now back in the game," Mayer declared during Yahoo's most recent earnings conference call in April.

Mayer, who declined interview requests through a spokeswoman, describes her turnaround plan then as a "series of sprints" that will take several years to finish. She believes she completed the first phase by improving employee morale at Yahoo and ending

HP names 3 new board members amid turnaround push

NEW YORK (AP) — Hewlett-Packard Co. has named three new members to its board, including former executives from McDonald's and Microsoft, as it forges ahead with its turnaround push.

The company said Monday that it appointed former McDonald's CEO Jim Skinner; Raymond Ozzie, former chief software architect at Microsoft Corp.; and Robert Bennett, former president and CEO of Liberty Media Corp.

The appointments, which are effective immediately, boost the number of directors to 12, up from nine.

HP has been struggling amid declining PC sales, with people spending their

money on smartphones and tablet computers instead. Like many other PC manufacturers, HP was slow to respond to the shift and then stumbled trying to catch up with Apple Inc.



and other manufacturers, such as Samsung Electronics Co., that make devices running Google Inc.'s Android operating system.

The new appointments come three months after HP announced that Chairman Ray Lane was stepping down and two other board members were leaving in a shake-up spurred by disgruntled stockholders stung by the company's downfall. The two who left had been the longest serving members on the board and were targeted by shareholders primarily because their roles on the board had given them oversight over HP's acquisition strategy. Most of the company's major deals in recent years have gone badly, saddling HP with losses of more than \$17 billion since 2010.

Lane remains on the board

as a regular member. Ralph Whitworth, a shareholder activist on the board, was named interim chairman in April. HP said Monday that it was still seeking a permanent chairman as well as additional directors in the coming months.

On the latest appointments, CEO Meg Whitman said in a statement that "it's a huge benefit to be able to get advice from a board made up of such experienced business and technology leaders. For their part, Dob, Ray and Jim have just about seen it all during their careers."

Whitman has portrayed HP's turnaround as a multi-year effort. She has been overhauling the compa-

ny's product line and pushing into more profitable niches in business software, data analysis and storage and technology consulting. HP also is in the process of eliminating nearly 30,000 jobs and shedding other expenses.

The Palo Alto, Calif., company says Skinner is joining the audit, human resources and compensation and nominating and governance committees. Ozzie will join the technology and finance and investment committees and Bennett will join the finance and investment and audit committees.

HP shares rose 9 cents to \$26.28 in midday trading Monday. □

Stocks edge higher, extending a hot start to July

STEVE ROTHWELL

AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Boeing helped the stock market edge higher Monday, extending a scorching start to July. The plane maker's stock was one of the standouts as the Standard & Poor's 500 index rose for an eighth straight day, its longest streak of gains since January.

Boeing gained \$3.79, or 3.7 percent, to \$105.66 after it was found that batteries were not the cause of a fire on one of its 787 aircraft at London's Heathrow airport Friday. Earlier this year, smoldering batteries on two 787s caused the plane to be grounded for more than three months.

The gains continued a hot streak for the market this month. Stocks rose to record levels last week after Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said the central bank would not ease its stimulus before the economy was ready. The central banker's comments also stemmed a rise in Treasury yields. "The general bias to the market is up," said David Kelly, chief global strategist at JPMorgan Funds. "You can see a clear path to economic growth in the United States."

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 19.96 points, or 0.1 percent, to close at 15,484.26.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 2.31 points, also 0.1 percent, to 1,682.50. The S&P is up 4.8 percent so far in July, putting it on track to surpass the 5 percent gain it had in January. Both the Dow and S&P are at all-time highs.

The Nasdaq composite rose 7.41 points, or 0.2 percent, to 3,607.49.

Small-company stocks had the biggest gains Monday. That's a sign investors are becoming confident in taking on more risk in exchange for the possibility of greater returns. The Russell 2000 rose 6.78 points, or 0.7 percent, to 1,043.30, bringing its gains for the year to 22.8 percent. That's far ahead of the S&P's year-to-date gain of 18 percent.

Investors will be listening to comments from Bernanke again this week for more clues about the central bank's outlook for the economy. The Fed chairman will give his semi-annual testimony to Congress on Wednesday. The central bank is currently buying \$85 billion of bonds a month to keep interest rates low and to encourage borrowing and hiring.

The pace of companies reporting earnings will also increase this week.

"We expect modest earnings gains and we expect that management teams will guide for a cautiously

optimistic view in the second half," said Jim Russell, a regional investment director at US Bank.

Earnings for the second quarter will rise by an average 3.2 percent for S&P 500 companies from a year

disappointments for investors. Americans spent more at retail businesses in June, buying more cars and trucks, furniture and clothes, but they cut back on many other purchases, a mixed sign for economic



The American flag and a sign for Wall St. are shown outside the New York Stock Exchange, Monday, July 15, 2013 in New York. The stock market continued to climb Monday extending a scorching start to July. (AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

ago, according to data from S&P Capital IQ. Earnings at financial companies are expected to rise by 18.8 percent, the most of any industry group.

Citigroup gained Monday, leading other bank stocks higher, after reporting earnings that beat analysts' expectations for the second quarter as investment banking profits surged. The bank's stock rose \$1, or 2 percent, to \$51.81.

A closely watched report on U.S. retail sales Monday morning had some

growth. Retail sales rose just 0.4 percent from May, less than analysts had forecast and less than the 0.5 percent increase the previous month.

The market's advance was held back by news that economic growth in China, the second-biggest economy in the world, fell to the lowest since 1991, hurt by weak trade and efforts to cool a credit boom. China's economy expanded at an annual rate of 7.5 percent in the second quarter, down from 7.7 per-

cent in the same period a year earlier.

Slowing global growth is one of the biggest threats to this year's stock rally, said Uri Landesman, President of Platinum Partners. He predicts that stocks may be poised to slump as much as 15 percent in the coming months. Landesman said this year's market advance overstates the outlook for the economy.

"Most of the world's economies are sucking wind," Landesman said. "It's going to be very difficult to keep (the U.S. economy) going with weak exports."

In commodities trading, the price of crude oil rose 37 cents to \$106.32 a barrel. Gold rose \$5.90, or 0.5 percent, to \$1,283.50 an ounce. The dollar rose against the euro and the Japanese yen.

In government bond trading, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.55 percent from 2.58 percent Friday. The yield is used as a benchmark for many kinds of loans including home mortgages.

Among other stocks making big moves, Leap Wireless soared \$8.97, or 112 percent, to \$16.95 after the carrier agreed to be acquired by AT&T for \$1.19 billion, or \$15 a share. The deal was announced late Friday. AT&T fell 26 cents, or 0.7 percent, to \$35.55. □

Loblaw will buy Shoppers Drug Mart for \$11.9B

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Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — Canada's largest supermarket chain said Monday that it has agreed to purchase the country's biggest pharmacy chain for \$11.9 billion (CA\$12.4 billion) in cash and stock.

Loblaw Companies Ltd. said that by buying Shoppers Drug Mart Corp. it would create a retail giant with more than \$40 billion (CA\$42 billion) in revenue and gain access to the growing small-urban store sector.

"I have long believed that the next chapter for growth at Loblaw should be based in a vision that combined health, wellness and nutrition. Loblaw combining with Shoppers Drug Mart is the ultimate expression of that vision," said Galen Weston, executive chairman of Loblaw, in a conference call with analysts Monday.

"Not only does this transaction make compelling financial sense, it establishes a truly innovative platform for the future," Weston said.

The offer is worth \$59.22 (CA\$61.54) per Shoppers Drug Mart common share — about 29 percent above the recent average trading price for the Shoppers stock — with about 54 percent of the price paid in cash.

Loblaw is offering \$31.93 (CA\$33.18) in cash plus about six-tenths of a Loblaw share for each Shoppers Drug Mart common share.

Shoppers shares were up \$12.22 (CA\$12.70), or about 26 percent, at \$58.80 (CA\$61.10), while Loblaw shares were up \$3.32 (CA\$3.45), or about 7 percent, at \$49.08 (CA\$51) on the Toronto Stock Exchange in morning trading.

Under the terms of the agreement, which is still subject to approvals, Shoppers will keep its brand name and operate as a separate division of Loblaw. □

Citi reports higher profit, revenue; shares rise

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NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Corbat was handed the reins of Citigroup and tasked with turning around the struggling bank behemoth just nine months ago. On Monday, the bank announced second-quarter results that beat Wall Street expectations and sent the stock higher — a result that analysts said was from the new CEO's skill, rather than just luck.

Strong results from investment banking helped Citi's April-to-June results, and the bank also benefited from setting aside less money for potential bad loans. Profit shot up 26 percent, after excluding an accounting gain, and revenue rose 8 percent, beating analysts' expectations. That isn't to say that Corbat's path is without roadblocks. On calls with analysts and reporters Monday, Corbat and his chief financial officer, John Gersbach, were peppered with questions about a number of potential challenges. Among them: proposed new regulations that will require big banks to hold more capital, rising interest rates that could dampen demand for mortgages and a slowdown in growth in emerging market countries, on which Citigroup is heavily reliant.

Still, investors liked what they saw and heard, and

sent the shares up more than 2 percent in afternoon trading.

Longtime banking analyst Nancy Bush called Citi's call with analysts "the most straightforward and clear in my experience."

"There were times when I listened to their earnings

had been CEO for nearly five years. Before him was Chuck Prince, who was ousted after making disastrous bets on subprime mortgages.

Board members picked Corbat to do what Pandit had failed to accomplish; some analysts at the time



Citigroup Inc. reported strong quarterly financial results before the market opened on Monday, July 15, 2013.
(AP Photo/Kiichiro Sato)

call (in the past) and it was just unintelligible. I couldn't tell where they were going, what they were doing, and neither did they, apparently," Bush said. "Isn't it amazing what having a real banker as CEO can do?"

Corbat became CEO in October, after Vikram Pandit's surprise resignation. The bank's board was reportedly unhappy with Pandit's failure to turn around the bank's stock price and other measurements. Pandit, a former hedge fund manager,

questioned whether someone like Corbat, who had been at Citi or a predecessor company his entire professional career, could bring the change that the bank needed. Corbat, a former Harvard football player who is now 53, was running Citi's operations in Europe, the Middle East and Africa when he was tapped as CEO. Before that he was in charge of Citi Holdings, a portfolio where the bank shuttled troubled units after the financial crisis.

Since Corbat took over,

Citi's stock has jumped nearly 42 percent.

In some ways, Corbat's approach is not so different from Pandit's, and neither is the regulatory environment or the economy. Like Corbat, Pandit too tried to slim down Citigroup Inc., wanting to make it a smaller and simpler bank less likely to draw extra scrutiny from the regulators. But analysts said Monday that Corbat has been more strategic and systematic in deciding where to cut.

In the second quarter, Citi sold its consumer businesses in Turkey and Romania and reached an agreement to sell the consumer business in Uruguay. It also continued to cut jobs. Head count fell to 253,000 from 261,000 a year ago.

Joshua Siegel, CEO at StoneCastle Partners, an asset management firm in New York, described previous cost cutting as "haphazard" — "a little here, a little there" — while the more recent focus has been to shed entire business units in countries seen as slow-growth, while adding resources to those with more potential.

"It's like if you go into a barbershop and they take a little off everywhere," said Siegel, who was formerly a vice president in Citi's global markets division. "Sure, the hair is shorter, but you haven't chosen a style." □

US business stockpiles up modest 0.1%

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. businesses increased their stockpiles only slightly in May, despite a solid sales increase. The figures suggest economic growth has slowed but could pick up in the second half of the year. The Commerce Department said Monday that business stockpiles rose just 0.1 percent in May from April, half the previous month's increase.

Sales increased 1.1 percent in May after being flat in April. That's the best gain since February.

Slower restocking could

weigh on economic growth in the April-June quarter because it means companies ordered fewer factory goods. But the strong sales gain suggests companies may have to order more goods in the coming months to keep up with demand. That could drive more economic growth in the second half of the year.

Many analysts think economic growth has slowed to an annual rate of around 1 percent or even less in the April-June quarter. That would lower than the subpar 1.8 percent annual rate from January

through March.

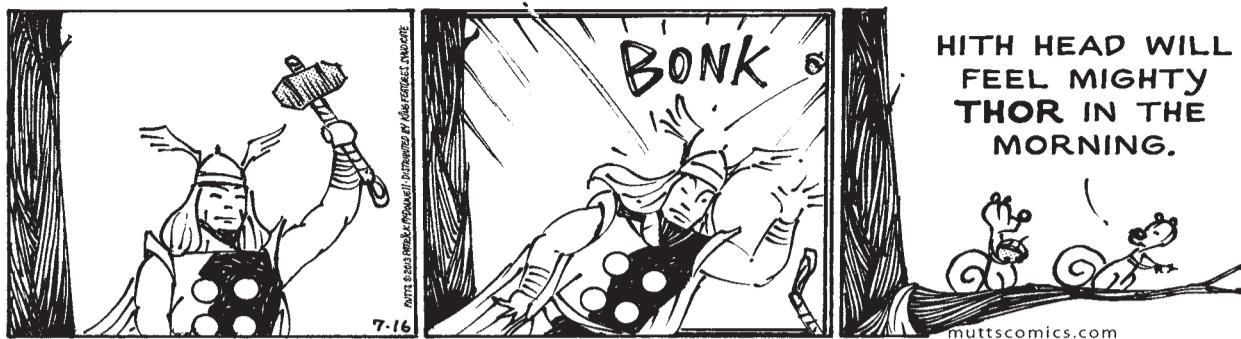
Economists expect growth should rebound in the second half of the year to a roughly 2.5 percent annual rate as the effects of federal tax hikes and government spending cuts fade. The May increase brought total stockpiles to a seasonally adjusted \$1.66 trillion. That's up just 3.8 percent from May 2012.

Wholesalers cut their stockpiles 0.5 percent, while manufacturers' inventories were unchanged in May. Retail stockpiles rose 0.6 percent. Sales at the wholesale level rose 1.6 percent to lead all catego-

ries. Sales at manufacturers and retailers increased slightly below that level.

A separate report Monday showed that retail sales slowed to a modest 0.4 percent increase in June. The brighter second half outlook is bolstered by steady job growth, which has kept consumers spending. Employers have added 202,000 jobs a month through the first six months of this year. That's up from 180,000 in the previous six months. The increase in hiring has helped overall income grow, offsetting some of the drag from higher taxes. □

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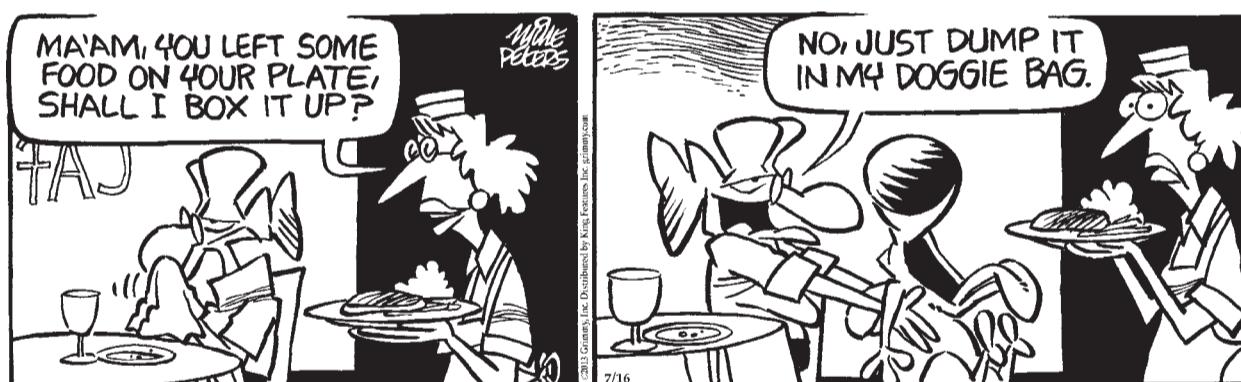
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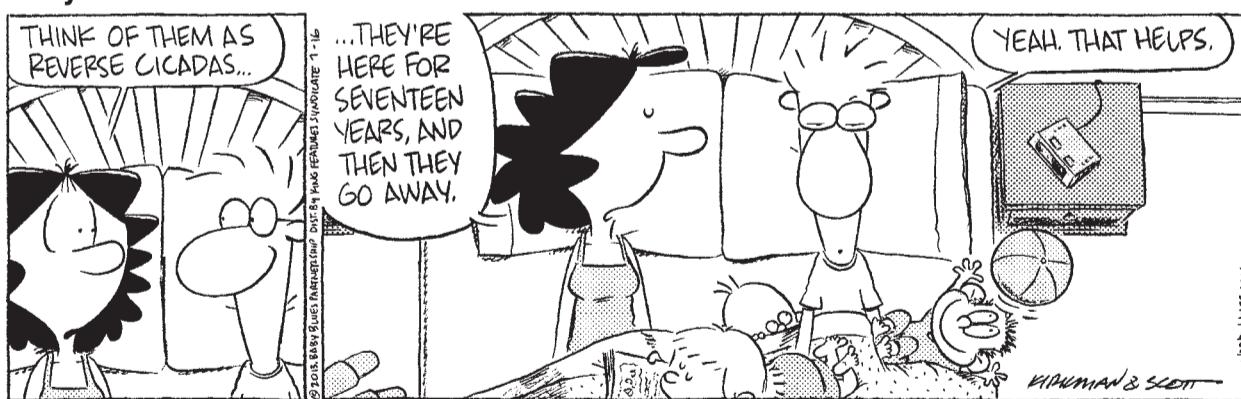
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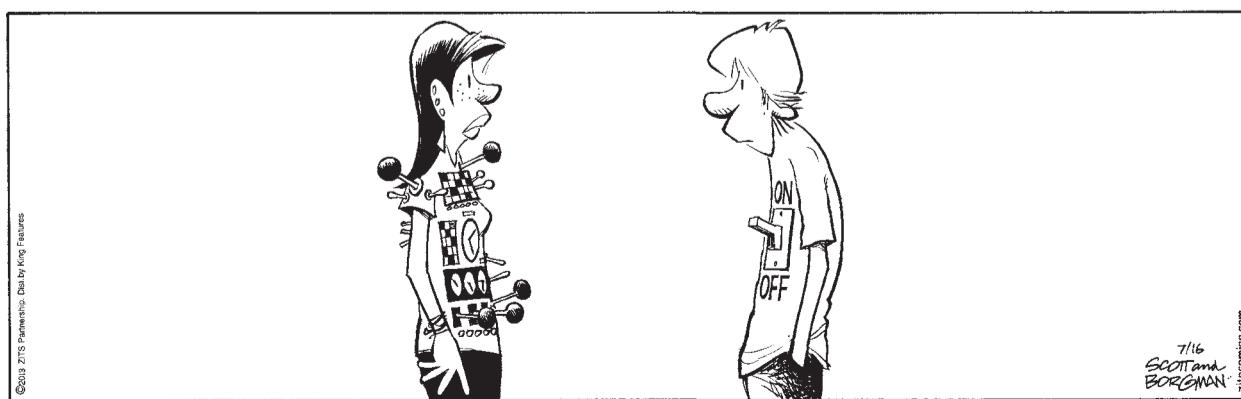
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Airports on the border make room for Canadian fliers

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Peter Marcov, an insurance executive from Hamilton, Ontario, rarely flies out of the Toronto airport anymore when he travels to the United States. Instead, he crosses the border and

in transportation and infrastructure for the board.

Canadians have for years crossed the border to fly in the United States. Residents of suburban Montreal on the south bank of the St. Lawrence River, for example, live closer by car

were generally 30 percent cheaper on American airlines than on Canadian ones, and that is before the higher taxes and fees in Canada.

The recent Conference Board of Canada report estimated that a ticket to

upgrading their facilities in recent years, making flying out of American airports far more attractive to Canadians.

Buffalo's airport, about two hours from Toronto, Canada's largest city, has steadily remade itself as it captures Canadians' business. It is courting Canadians by running outdoor, print and radio advertising, said Pascal Cohen, its senior marketing manager. JetBlue and Southwest have each been operating out of Buffalo since 2000. JetBlue operates nine flights daily to New York, five to Boston, and other flights to Florida. Southwest offers 23 nonstop flights to eight cities, including Atlanta, Chicago and Phoenix. US Airways, United, Delta and American also operate in Buffalo.

To cater to Canadian travelers, the airport has increased its on-site parking from 1,500 spaces in 2000 to 7,000 today; 1,000 more spaces will be added starting in the fall. □



Peter Marcov, an insurance executive from Hamilton, Ontario, Canada who rarely flies out of the Toronto airport anymore when he travels to the U.S., at the Buffalo-Niagara International Airport in Cheektowaga, N.Y. Millions of travelers from Canada, lured by expanding facilities and cheaper airfares, are starting their journeys with a car trip to an American airport.

(Doug Benz/The New York Times)

uses Buffalo Niagara International Airport. It takes him 2 1/2 hours, instead of four, he says, and costs him about 40 percent less.

Marcov is one of a growing number of Canadians who are using American airports when they travel to the United States. And the American airports in smaller markets along the border, like Buffalo, N.Y., Bellingham, Wash., and Plattsburgh, N.Y., are on a building spree to handle the increased traffic.

At the Buffalo airport, for example, Canadians now make up 47 percent of all passengers, up from 26 percent in 2006.

In all, as many as 5 million Canadians drive across the border annually to fly from American airports, largely to destinations in the United States, according to a report in May by the Conference Board of Canada.

The trend has "picked up steam in the last five years," said Vijay Gill, principal research associate

to the Plattsburgh airport than to Montreal-Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport.

But the steady strengthening of the Canadian dollar against the American dollar, along with increasing taxes and fees for traveling out of Canada, have prompted more Canadians to use American airports.

Gill said base airfares

an American destination from Canada that cost \$200 would cost \$140 from an American airport. The board said that \$81.13 in taxes and fees would be imposed on the \$200 fare by Canada and United States, compared with \$32.42 in the United States on the \$140 fare.

Responding to these trends, American airports have been significantly

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Bitten by hungry T. rex, this dinosaur got away

MALCOLM RITTER

AP Science Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The fearsome bite of a hungry Tyrannosaurus rex left behind new evidence that the famous beast hunted for food and wasn't just a scavenger.

Researchers found a part of a T. rex tooth wedged between two tailbones of a duckbill dinosaur unearthed in northwestern South Dakota. The tooth was partially enclosed by regrown bone, indicating the smaller duckbill had escaped from the T. rex and lived for months or years afterward.

Since the duckbill was alive and not just a carcass when it met the T. rex, the fossil provides definitive evidence that T. rex hunted live animals, researchers say in Monday's issue of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. The fossil, from around 67 million years ago, indicates the T. rex bit the duckbill from behind and "intended to take it for a meal," said David Burnham of the University of Kansas, an author of the report.

It's not clear whether there was a chase involved, he said.



In this photo made available by David A. Burnham via the National Academy of Sciences, researchers Robert A. DePalma II, left, and David A. Burnham show a Tyrannosaurus rex tooth crown embedded between the vertebrae of a hadrosaur and surrounded by bone overgrowth.

Associated Press

Experts who didn't participate in the study said there was already ample evidence that T. rex went after live animals as well as scav-

enging carcasses. It brought a bone-shattering bite and teeth up to a 1 foot (25 centimeters) long to each task. The new fossil is the first to include a T. rex tooth embedded in the bones of its prey, giving "extremely strong physical evidence that the attacker was a tyrannosaur," said Thomas Holtz, Jr., of the University of Maryland.

"It's one other bit of evidence (for hunting) fully consistent with the other data already established from lots and lots of lines of evidence," Holtz said.

You might think a T. rex would take down anything in sight, but Jack Horner of Montana State University said it apparently preyed on the weak, the sick and the young instead. It makes sense that T. rex also scavenged, said Kenneth Carpenter, curator of paleontology at the Utah State University East Prehistoric Museum.

"If there's a free meal, why not?" he asked. But decay can make carcasses toxic after a while, he said, and "at that point, T. rex is going to have no choice but to hunt." □

Countries mull Antarctic marine sanctuary plans

BERLIN (AP) — Countries that regulate fishing in the Antarctic are meeting in an effort to break an impasse over proposals to create marine sanctuaries off the continent's coast.

The Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources, which brings together 24 countries and the European Union, meets Monday and Tuesday in the German port city of Bremerhaven.

Countries including Russia, Ukraine and China balked last year at a plan put forward by the U.S. and New Zealand to protect the Ross Sea, considered one of the world's most pristine. There is also disagreement over an Australian-European plan for a sanctuary covering a number of areas of the Southern Ocean in the eastern hemisphere..

Deputy German agriculture minister Peter Bleser urged delegates to "take this opportunity" to advance marine protection. □

New tiny moon found orbiting faraway Neptune

MARCIA DUNN

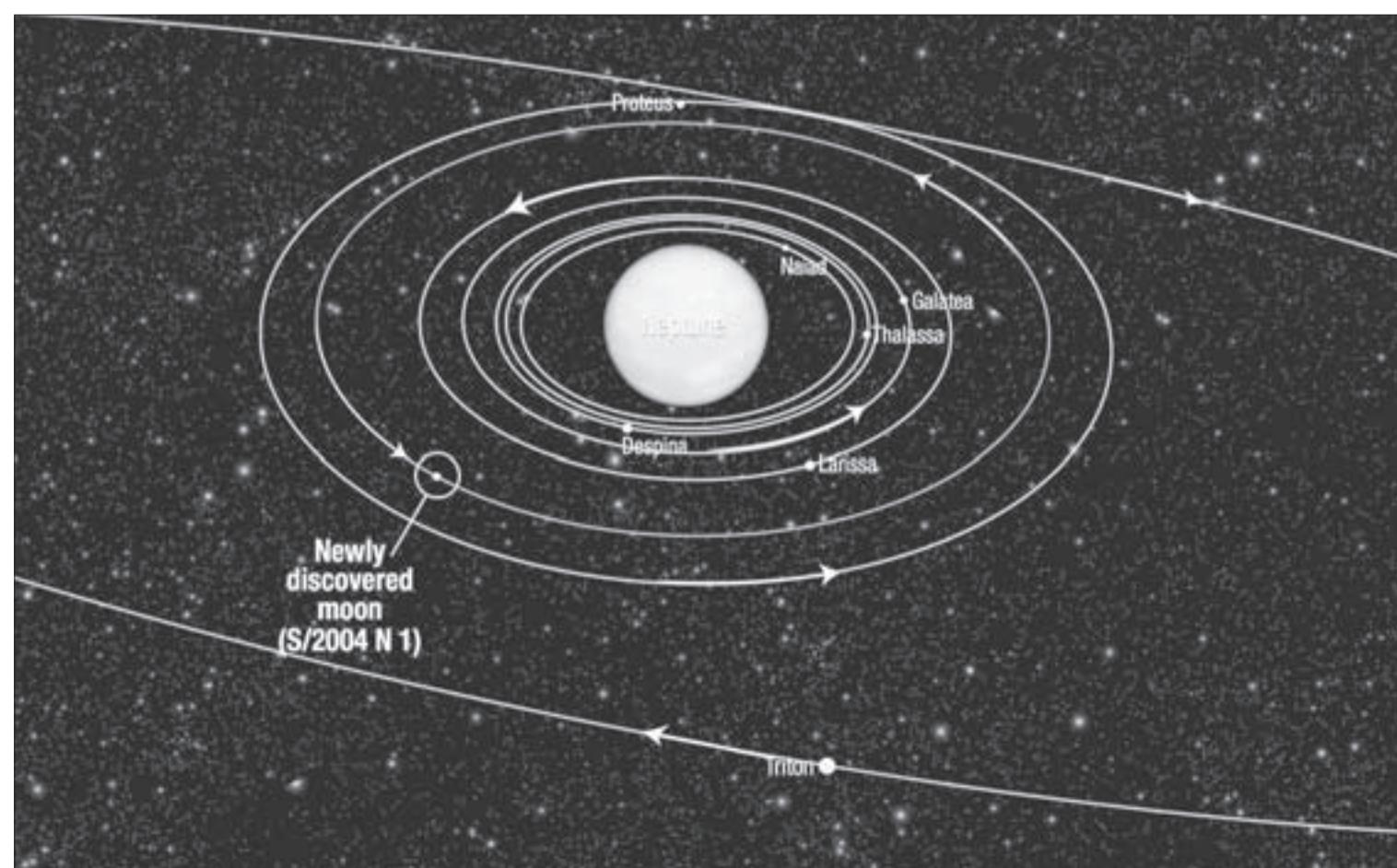
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP) — The U.S. space agency has announced the discovery of Neptune's 14th moon. The

Hubble Space Telescope captured the moon as a white dot in photos of the planet on the outskirts of our solar system. The new moon — Neptune's tiniest at just 12 miles across — is

designated S/2004 N 1. The SETI Institute's Mark Showalter made the discovery. He was studying the segments of rings around Neptune when the white dot popped out, 65,400 miles

from Neptune. He tracked its movement in more than 150 pictures taken from 2004 to 2009. The considerably bigger gas giant Jupiter has four times as many moons, with 67. □



This diagram provided by NASA shows the orbits of several moons located close to the planet Neptune.

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In this June 7, 2013 file photo, Randy Travis performs on day 2 of the 2013 CMA Music festival at the LP Field in Nashville, Tenn. Associated Press

Doctors: Singer Randy Travis awake after stroke

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NASHVILLE, Tennessee

(AP) — Country music star Randy Travis is awake and making progress as he recovers from surgery following a stroke.

A news release and video from the Texas hospital where the 54-year-old singer is recovering described Travis' condition Monday. Doctors also gave a new cause for the health troubles — scarring on his heart. Doctors say Travis re-

mains on a ventilator but is breathing spontaneously, and his breathing support is gradually being reduced. He is interacting with his family and friends and has begun the early stages of physical therapy.

He will stay at the hospital for two to three more weeks before being transferred to another facility where he will undergo aggressive physical therapy. Doctors say it will take months to recover from the stroke. □

Danes says she thought of career switch

NEW YORK (AP) — Claire Danes, interior designer? The "Homeland" actress says she considered a change of careers when she went through a stretch where she couldn't find a good role.

In an interview for Vogue's August issue, the 34-year-old says she didn't work for two years after starring in the 2010 biopic "Temple Grandin," which earned her an Emmy and Golden Globe. Danes said she couldn't just take any role after playing Grandin, an activist for autistics and animal rights.

Danes calls it a grim experience that left her so hurt that she flirted with a career change. Says Danes: "I really like interior design." Of course, Danes didn't

have leave acting. She landed the role of Carrie Mathison on "Homeland," and it has earned her an



This magazine cover image released by Vogue shows actress Claire Danes on the cover of the August 2013 issue. Associated Press

Emmy and two Golden

Jenny McCarthy to join 'The View' as co-host

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NEW YORK (AP) — Welcome Jenny McCarthy as the next co-host to join "The View."

The actress and former Playboy playmate was named Monday to join the panel of the ABC weekday talk show. Barbara Walters, who created "The View" in 1997 and has since served as a co-host, made the widely expected announcement on the air.

"We love her because she's fun, she's uninhibited and she's opinionated enough to help us begin the latest chapter in 'The View' history," Walters said. McCarthy arrives at the start of the 17th season on Sept. 9.

She has previously made 17 appearances on "The View" and guest-hosted eight times.

The 40-year-old McCarthy began her career posing for Playboy and has since starred in TV sitcoms and appeared in films including "Scary Movie 3."

She has emerged as an activist campaigning about the dangers of vaccines, which she believes triggered her son's autism. McCarthy will join "The View" as Joy Behar pre-



This undated image released by ABC shows Jenny McCarthy on "The View," in New York. Associated Press

pares to leave after being a fixture on the show since its premiere.

A remaining vacancy was created last week by Elisabeth Hasselbeck, who exited to join Fox News Channel. There is no word on when that slot will be filled. □

And there will be yet another opening before much longer: Walters has said she is retiring from television next year.

Other co-hosts of "The View" remain Sherri Shepherd and Whoopi Goldberg. □

Halle Berry ties knot at French chateau

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PARIS (AP) — Halle Berry married her fiancé, French actor Olivier Martinez, in a weekend ceremony in a village church where princes are buried in France's Burgundy region.

The owner of the Chateau de Vallery, where the couple stayed with their 60 guests, said on Sunday that the betrothal a day earlier ended with a dinner and an unusual fireworks display — of water, fire and snow — in the chateau gardens. A wedding cake followed.

Patrice Vansteenbergh said the actress — 46 and pregnant — and

her 47-year-old husband "were very beautiful and very happy."

Berry's publicist, Meredith O'Sullivan Wasson, confirmed the marriage.

Vansteenbergh would not say who attended the gala wedding. But he said the bride was coy about her long, white dress, wanting to keep it from public view.

"All I can say is that it was a dress with a deeply plunging back," Vansteenbergh said. He added that the event was "confidential" because "she wanted to be left alone on the day of her marriage."

Berry, who has a five-year-

old daughter, is expecting her first child with Martinez. While there was no sign of a baby bump when The Associated Press interviewed the Oscar-winning star in early April, Vansteenbergh said that "she is very pregnant."

The princes and princesses of the Conde line from the 16th to early 18th century, are buried in the church facing the chateau and its chapel until the late 19th century, when it was given to the village of Vallery.

The couple apparently spent two days at the Chateau de Vallery — the standard rental period for weddings and other grand events, the owner said. □

Matthews fans meet him in need of ride to his show



In this June 28, 2013 file photo, Dave Matthews of The Dave Matthews Band performs on stage at the Susquehanna Bank Center in Camden, N.J.

Associated Press

HERSHEY, Pennsylvania (AP) — Dave Matthews may jet to performances around the world, but that doesn't mean his bicycle never breaks down. That's what happened before the singer's show in Hershey on Saturday when one of his fans pulled over to give a stranded cyclist a ride and realized the hitch-hiker was none other than Matthews, who didn't have a cellphone on him. Emily Kraus told WHP-TV in Harrisburg that that she

and her boyfriend helped Matthews stow his bicycle on their bike rack and he got in their car for the rest of the ride. "We didn't know how to make conversation with him, in fact, so we were talking about his tour and where he had come from," Kraus said. "He had just been in Cincinnati and he said, 'I'm taking a short break after this one because I have to drop my daughters off at camp.' ... He was just a very humble guy." □

Yorke, Godrich pull Atoms For Peace from Spotify

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Thom Yorke and Nigel Godrich have started a "small meaningless rebellion" against Spotify, announcing Sunday on Twitter they're pulling their Atoms For Peace collaboration off the streaming service over royalty payments they say are paltry.

The Radiohead frontman and his friend the influential producer-musician initially put "Amok" up on the service but decided after six months to take the unusual step of pulling it down.

Yorke wrote: "Make no mistake new artists you discover on #Spotify will no get paid. meanwhile shareholders will shortly begin rolling in it. Simples."

Streaming payment models have gotten more attention as the mobile-friendly services continue to grow, taking a larger piece of the music marketplace.

At a Spotify gathering last month in New York to tout a staffing increase, Ken Parks, the company's chief



This May 22, 2013 file photo shows members of Atoms For Peace, from left, Nigel Godrich, Joey Waronker, Thom Yorke, Mauro Refosco and Flea in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

content officer, said the company has already paid \$500 million in royalties and was scheduled to reach \$1 billion by the end of 2013. The company released a statement Monday morning noting, "Much of this money is being invested in nurturing new talent and producing great new music. We're 100% committed to making Spotify the most artist-friendly music service possible and are constantly talking to artists and managers about how Spotify can help build their

careers."

Yorke and Godrich — who say the decision only applies to the Atoms album, Yorke's solo record "The Eraser" and Godrich's Ultraista project and not the Radiohead catalog — say they're standing up for their fellow musicians.

They believe popular artists with large catalogs probably are seeing some return. "Meanwhile small labels and new artists can't even keep their lights on. It's just not right," Godrich wrote. □



Who is replacing Condola Rashad in 'Bountiful'?

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NEW YORK (AP) — The actress who will fill Condola Rashad's shoes in "The Trip to Bountiful" has been revealed: Adepero Oduye.

Producers of the Tony Award-nominated revival said Monday that Oduye, who co-starred with Rashad in last year's TV remake of "Steel Magnolias," will take over the part of Thelma this week.

Rashad, who has left to prepare for the upcoming Broadway production of "Romeo and Juliet" opposite Orlando Bloom, gave

her final performance on Sunday. Oduye takes over when the show next resumes on Tuesday at the Stephen Sondheim Theatre.

Oduye is best known for her acclaimed breakout role in Dee Rees' Sundance film, "Pariah," playing a 17-year-old Brooklyn girl who's struggling to come out as a lesbian as her family crumbles. She will also be seen in the upcoming film, "Twelve Years a Slave," directed by Steven McQueen.

The Cornell University grad-

uate will be making her Broadway debut, joining Tony winner Cicely Tyson, Cuba Gooding Jr., Vanessa Williams and Tom Wopat. Rashad earned a Tony nomination playing the part of Thelma.

The play is about a widow who shares a cramped two-room apartment in Houston in 1953 with her devoted son and overbearing daughter-in-law. Her only desire is to revisit her old home in Bountiful and recapture the vitality and purpose she seemed to lose when she left for the big city decades ago. □

This Feb. 26, 2012 photo shows actress Adepero Oduye at the Vanity Fair Oscar party in West Hollywood, Calif.

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Delusions Of Populism



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Have you heard about "libertarian populism" yet? If not, you will. It will surely be touted all over the airwaves and the opinion pages by the same kind of people who assured you, a few years ago, that Rep. Paul Ryan was the very model of a Serious, Honest Conservative. So let me make a helpful public service announcement: It's bunk.

Some background: These are tough times for members of the conservative intelligentsia - those denizens of think tanks and opinion pages who dream of Republicans once again becoming "the party of ideas." (Whether they ever were that party is another question.)

For a while, they thought they had found their work hero in the person of Ryan. But the famous Ryan plan turned out to be crude smoke and mirrors, and I suspect that even conservatives privately realize that its author is more huckster than visionary. So what's the next big idea?

Enter libertarian populism. The idea here is that there exists a pool of disaffected working-class white voters who failed to turn out last year but can be mobilized again with the right kind of conservative economic program - and that this remobilization can restore the Republican Party's electoral fortunes.

You can see why many on the right find this idea appealing. It suggests that Republicans can regain their former glory without changing much of anything - no need to reach out to nonwhite voters, no need to reconsider their economic ideology. You might also think that this sounds too good to be true - and you'd be right. The notion of libertarian populism is delusional on at least two levels.

First, the notion that white mobilization is all it takes rests heavily on claims by the political analyst Sean Trende that Mitt Romney fell short last year largely because of "missing white voters" - millions of "downscale, rural, Northern whites" who failed to show up at the polls. Conservatives opposed to any major shifts in the GOP position - and, in particular, opponents of immigration reform - quickly seized on Trende's analysis as proof that no fundamental change is needed, just better messaging.

But serious political scientists like Alan Abramowitz and Ruy Teixeira have now weighed in and concluded that the missing-white-voter story is a myth. Yes, turnout among white voters was lower in 2012 than in 2008; so was turnout among nonwhite voters. Trende's analysis basically imagines a world in which white turnout rebounds to 2008 levels but nonwhite turnout doesn't, and it's hard to see why that makes sense.

Suppose, however, that we put this debunking on one side and grant that Republicans could do better if they could inspire more enthusiasm among "downscale" whites. What can the party offer that might inspire such enthusiasm?

Well, as far as anyone can tell, at this point libertarian populism - as illustrated, for example, by the policy pronouncements of Sen. Rand Paul - consists of advocating the same old policies, while insisting that they're really good for the working class. Actually, they aren't. But, in any case, it's hard to imagine that proclaiming, yet again, the virtues of sound money and low marginal tax rates will change anyone's mind.

Moreover, if you look at what the modern Republican Party actually stands for in practice, it's clearly inimical to the interests of those downscale whites the party can supposedly win back. Neither a flat tax nor a return to the gold standard are actually on the table; but cuts in unemployment benefits, food stamps and Medicaid are. (To the extent that there was any substance to the Ryan plan, it mainly involved savage cuts in aid to the poor.) And while many nonwhite Americans depend on these safety-net programs, so do many less-well-off whites - the very voters libertarian populism is supposed to reach. Specifically, more than 60 percent of those benefiting from unemployment insurance are white. Slightly less than half of food stamp beneficiaries are white, but in swing states the proportion is much higher. For example, in Ohio, 65 percent of households receiving food stamps are white. Nationally, 42 percent of Medicaid recipients are non-Hispanic whites, but, in Ohio, the number is 61 percent.

So when Republicans engineer sharp cuts in unemployment benefits, block the expansion of Medicaid and seek deep cuts in food stamp funding - all of which they have, in fact, done - they may be disproportionately hurting Those People; but they are also inflicting a lot of harm on the struggling Northern white families they are supposedly going to mobilize.

Which brings us back to why libertarian populism is, as I said, bunk. You could, I suppose, argue that destroying the safety net is a libertarian act - maybe freedom's just another word for nothing left to lose. But populist it isn't. □



Conservative Case For Immigration Reform



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It's beginning to look as though we're not going to get an immigration reform law this year. House Republicans are moving in a direction that will probably be unacceptable to the Senate majority and the White House. Conservative commentators like my friends Bill Kristol and Rich Lowry are arguing that the status quo is better than the comprehensive approach passed by the Senate. The whole effort is in peril.

This could be a tragedy for the country and political suicide for Republicans, especially because the conservative arguments against the comprehensive approach are not compelling.

After all, the Senate bill fulfills the four biggest conservative objectives. Conservatives say they want economic growth. The Senate immigration bill is the biggest pro-growth item on the agenda today. Based on estimates from the Congressional Budget Office, the Senate bill would increase the gross domestic product by 3.3 percent by 2023 and by 5.4 percent by 2033. A separate study by the American Action Forum found that it would increase per capita income by \$1,700 after 10 years.

Conservatives say they want to bring down debt. According to government estimates, the Senate bill would reduce federal deficits by up to \$850 billion over the next 20 years. The Senate bill

reduces the 75-year Social Security fund shortfall by half-a-trillion dollars.

Conservatives say they want to reduce illegal immigration. The Senate bill spends huge amounts of money to secure the border. According to the CBO, the bill would reduce illegal immigration by somewhere between 33 percent to 50 percent. True, it would not totally eliminate illegal immigration, but it would do a lot better than current law, which reduces illegal immigration by 0 percent.

Conservatives say they want to avoid a European-style demographic collapse. But without more immigrants, and the higher fertility rates they bring, that is exactly what the U.S. faces. Plus, this bill radically increases the number of high-skilled immigrants. It takes millions of long-term resident families out of the shadows so they can lead more mainstream lives.

These are all gigantic benefits.

They are like Himalayan peaks

compared with the foothill-size

complaints conservatives are

lodging.

The first conservative complaint is that, as Kristol and Lowry put it, "the enforcement provisions are riddled with exceptions, loopholes and waivers." If Obama can waive the parts of Obamacare he finds inconvenient, why won't he end up waiving a requirement for the use of E-Verify? There's some truth to this critique, and maybe the House should pass a version of the Senate bill that has fewer waivers and loopholes. But, at some point, this argument just becomes an excuse to oppose every piece of legislation, ever. All legislation allows the executive branch to have some discretion. It's always possible to imagine ways in which a law may be distorted in violation of its intent. But if you are going to use that logic to oppose something, you are going to end up opposing tax reform, welfare reform, the Civil Rights Act and everything else.

The second conservative com-

plaint is that the bill would flood the country with more low-skilled workers, driving down wages. This is an argument borrowed from the reactionary left, and it shows. In the first place, the recent research suggests that increased immigration drives down wages far less than expected. Low-skilled immigrants don't directly compete with the native-born. They do entry-level work, create wealth and push natives into better jobs.

Furthermore, conservatives are not supposed to take a static, protectionist view of economics. They're not supposed to believe that growth can be created or even preserved if government protects favored groups from competition. Conservatives are supposed to believe in the logic of capitalism; that if you encourage the movement of goods, ideas and people, then you increase dynamism, you increase creative destruction and you end up creating more wealth that improves lives overall.

The final conservative point of opposition is a political one. Republicans should not try to win back lower-middle-class voters with immigration reform; they should do it with a working-class agenda.

This argument would be slightly plausible if Republicans had even a hint of such an agenda, but they don't. Even then it would fail. Before Asians, Hispanics and all the other groups can be won with economic plans, they need to feel respected and understood by the GOP. They need to feel that Republicans respect their ethnic and cultural identity. If Republicans reject immigration reform, that will be a giant sign of disrespect, and nothing else Republicans say will even be heard. Whether this bill passes or not, this country is heading toward a multiethnic future. Republicans can either shape that future in a conservative direction or, as I've tried to argue, they can become the receding roar of a white America that is never coming back.

That's what's at stake. □

DNA supports belief about breed's ancient origins

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BISHOPVILLE, S.C. - Inside a fenced acre on the swampy Lynches River flood plain in central South Carolina, seven of Don Anderson's primitive dogs spring into high alert at approaching strangers. Medium-sized, they fan out amid his junkyard of improvised habitat: a few large barrels to dig under, an abandoned camper shell from a pickup, segments

Walking into the pen is dangerous for only one reason: one of the dogs' defining habits is digging snout pits, or gallon-size holes in the ground, perhaps to root for grubs or munch the soil for nutrients.

"It's like a lunar landscape," Anderson warns as we tread carefully into the underbrush.

Some Carolina dogs still live in the wild, and local people have long thought they

gesting they arrived in an earlier migration from Asia. The study also reawakens the long debate about where and how dogs were domesticated. Current theory speculates that they are descended from wolves that somehow became attached to humans perhaps 12,000 to 33,000 years ago - an early amity that has an extensive pedigree in human folklore. (Think Romulus and Remus.)

areas where they can easily hide out from their own natural predators.

Anderson, 79, is a Virginian who moved to South Carolina in 1961. He's a garrulous man dressed in comfortable blue stretch pants, a pair of Crocs on his feet, and a headband to hold back shoulder-length hair that stubbornly retains some glints of blond.

He remembers the day, back in the Nixon adminis-

he's worth \$300 to me." Anderson soon learned that others called them Carolina dogs, a name given to them by I. Lehr Brisbin, a biologist with the Savannah River nuclear power plant, near Aiken, and the man most responsible for the current interest in the breed. In the early 1970s, Brisbin was employed checking out the wildlife on the periphery of the plant and often came upon these wild dogs in the swamplier parts of his domain. He took a few in and today maintains an 18-acre enclosure where he has his own pack.

Brisbin got the Carolina dog recognized by the United Kennel Club and was the first to describe some of the breed's rare traits, including the fishhook tail; the pointed, somewhat lupine face; and the habit of digging snout pits. The dogs cooperate as a pack when they hunt a field mouse or a rabbit, possibly using their white hindquarters as signals.

"That white fishhook can be hoisted like a white-tailed deer's and can flash back and forth," Brisbin explained. "I saw them do it, and I saw the rest of the pack honor it."

Carolina dogs typically go into heat once a year, like wolves, instead of twice, like domesticated dogs. They cover up their scat by pushing dirt over it with their noses, not by using their hindquarters to scratch the ground.

Most Carolina dogs are ginger-colored, like Australian dingoes, but they can also be black and piebald. Most, but not all, are short-haired.

Some have tiny patches, right above their distinctive almond eyes, that look like a spare set of eyes, what Anderson calls "spirit eyes." Some have an unusual white stripe at the shoulder. There are the noticeable ears and the tail, but also the athletic tucked-in stomach (like a Doberman). DNA studies may soon make it easier to assert the Carolina's distinctions from other dogs. □



Peony, a Carolina dog, in Bishopville, S.C., July 6, 2013. Carolina dogs, like a few other breeds, are without certain genetic markers indicating European origins, suggesting they have been in America since the last Ice Age.

(John W. Adkisson/The New York Times)

of black plastic water pipe and backhoed dirt mounds overgrown with waist-high ragweed.

These are Carolina dogs, and though they are friendly, one can instantly sense they are different from other dogs. Several rush to the gate, their whole bodies wagging eagerly. Others sprint off and take position - their jackal ears fully erect, their fishhook tails twitching like flags in a stiff wind. A black pup scrabbles away in crablike submission that eventually takes her into an underground den, dug deep enough that she is not seen again.

were one of the few breeds that predated the European arrival in the Americas: "Our native dog," as Michael Ruano, another enthusiast who often works with Anderson, put it. "America's natural dog."

Now, a new study of canine DNA backs up the folklore. A team led by Peter Savolainen at the Royal Institute of Technology in Sweden has reported that several dog breeds in the Americas - among them the Peruvian hairless, the Chihuahua and the Carolina dog - are without some genetic markers indicative of European origin, sug-

But where that may have happened is not entirely settled. Some say the earliest dogs emerged in the Middle East. Others point to an area south of the Yangtze River in China. Savolainen's study provides more evidence for the China hypothesis and, as a result, lends support to the idea that the earliest domesticated dogs crossed the Ice Age land bridge known as Beringia some 12,000 years ago.

Carolina dogs, then, could be camp followers that wandered off from their Paleo-Indian masters and took up residence in swampy

tration, when he had his first encounter with these wild dogs. Down by a nearby water hole on his land, he spied a mother and three pups, and they immediately bolted.

"Two of the puppies went east, and one puppy tried to get out west and he got stuck," he explained. He took the pup home and named him Tadpole.

Not long afterward a stranger saw the dog and offered Anderson \$300 for what his neighbors called a "Lynches River wild dog." He refused the deal, thinking, he says now, "if he's worth \$300 to you, then